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About the Employment Situation Report

The Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at: http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm

The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2001 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

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January 2002	February 8, 2002
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October 2002	November 8, 2002
November 2002	December 6, 2002
December 2002	January 10,2003
January 2003	February 7, 2003

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Canada

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	24,793.6	25,087.4	25,108.2	314.6	24,793.6	25,087.4	25,108.2	314.6
Labour Force ('000)	16,197.3	16,744.1	16,611.3	414.0	16,481.3	16,925.3	16,906.1	424.8
Employment ('000)	14,796.7	15,548.8	15,266.3	469.6	15,180.5	15,649.7	15,647.6	467.1
Unemployed ('000)	1,400.6	1,195.2	1,345.0	(55.6)	1,300.8	1,275.6	1,258.5	(42.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.6	7.1	8.1	(0.5)	7.9	7.5	7.4	(0.5)
Participation Rate (%)	65.3	66.7	66.2	0.9	66.5	67.5	67.3	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	59.7	62.0	60.8	1.1	61.2	62.4	62.3	1.1

Nova Scotia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	753.6	757.7	757.9	4.3	753.6	757.7	757.9	4.3
Labour Force ('000)	460.1	472.4	465.7	5.6	472.2	476.9	479.1	6.9
Employment ('000)	410.0	431.6	417.7	7.7	426.1	432.3	434.3	8.2
Unemployed ('000)	50.2	40.8	48.0	(2.2)	46.1	44.6	44.8	(1.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.9	8.6	10.3	(0.6)	9.8	9.4	9.4	(0.4)
Participation Rate (%)	61.1	62.3	61.4	0.3	62.7	62.9	63.2	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	54.4	57.0	55.1	0.7	56.5	57.1	57.3	0.8

Newfoundland and Labrador

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	439.4	439.1	439.1	(0.3)	439.4	439.1	439.1	(0.3)
Labour Force ('000)	242.2	253.6	250.2	8.0	257.2	262.1	264.4	7.2
Employment ('000)	195.5	208.1	199.6	4.1	213.2	213.5	217.0	3.8
Unemployed ('000)	46.7	45.5	50.6	3.9	44.1	48.6	47.4	3.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	19.3	17.9	20.2	0.9	17.1	18.5	17.9	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	55.1	57.8	57.0	1.9	58.5	59.7	60.2	1.7
Employment Rate (%)	44.5	47.4	45.5	1.0	48.5	48.6	49.4	0.9

Prince Edward Island

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	111.2	112.5	112.7	1.5	111.2	112.5	112.7	1.5
Labour Force ('000)	72.6	73.7	72.6	-	75.4	76.2	76.0	0.6
Employment ('000)	59.7	64.0	61.4	1.7	65.7	67.9	67.6	1.9
Unemployed ('000)	12.9	9.7	11.2	(1.7)	9.7	8.3	8.4	(1.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	17.8	13.2	15.4	(2.4)	12.9	10.9	11.1	(1.8)
Participation Rate (%)	65.3	65.5	64.4	(0.9)	67.8	67.7	67.4	(0.4)
Employment Rate (%)	53.7	56.9	54.5	0.8	59.1	60.4	60.0	0.9

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New Brunswick

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	606.9	608.5	608.5	1.6	606.9	608.5	608.5	1.6
Labour Force ('000)	368.6	380.7	372.6	4.0	384.5	390.2	389.2	4.7
Employment ('000)	321.4	341.9	329.7	8.3	341.0	350.0	349.4	8.4
Unemployed ('000)	47.2	38.8	42.9	(4.3)	43.5	40.2	39.8	(3.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.8	10.2	11.5	(1.3)	11.3	10.3	10.2	(1.1)
Participation Rate (%)	60.7	62.6	61.2	0.5	63.4	64.1	64.0	0.6
Employment Rate (%)	53.0	56.2	54.2	1.2	56.2	57.5	57.4	1.2

Quebec

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	6,010.5	6,055.1	6,059.5	49.0	6,010.5	6,055.1	6,059.5	49.0
Labour Force ('000)	3,796.7	3,942.0	3,903.0	106.3	3,870.0	3,991.7	3,981.6	111.6
Employment ('000)	3,407.5	3,618.7	3,534.3	126.8	3,520.0	3,654.1	3,646.8	126.8
Unemployed ('000)	389.2	323.3	368.7	(20.5)	350.0	337.6	334.8	(15.2)
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.3	8.2	9.4	(0.9)	9.0	8.5	8.4	(0.6)
Participation Rate (%)	63.2	65.1	64.4	1.2	64.4	65.9	65.7	1.3
Employment Rate (%)	56.7	59.8	58.3	1.6	58.6	60.3	60.2	1.6

Ontario

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	9,547.5	9,703.7	9,713.0	165.5	9,547.5	9,703.7	9,713.0	165.5
Labour Force ('000)	6,361.1	6,579.0	6,542.9	181.8	6,456.3	6,633.1	6,639.8	183.5
Employment ('000)	5,863.3	6,153.7	6,080.7	217.4	5,980.6	6,166.0	6,191.5	210.9
Unemployed ('000)	497.8	425.3	462.2	(35.6)	475.7	467.1	448.3	(27.4)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.8	6.5	7.1	(0.7)	7.4	7.0	6.8	(0.6)
Participation Rate (%)	66.6	67.8	67.4	0.8	67.6	68.4	68.4	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	61.4	63.4	62.6	1.2	62.6	63.5	63.7	1.1

Manitoba

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	863.6	865.0	864.9	1.3	863.6	865.0	864.9	1.3
Labour Force ('000)	586.9	596.6	586.9	-	595.7	601.5	596.4	0.7
Employment ('000)	553.7	569.0	555.4	1.7	565.5	572.1	567.3	1.8
Unemployed ('000)	33.1	27.6	31.5	(1.6)	30.2	29.3	29.1	(1.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	4.6	5.4	(0.2)	5.1	4.9	4.9	(0.2)
Participation Rate (%)	68.0	69.0	67.9	(0.1)	69.0	69.5	69.0	-
Employment Rate (%)	64.1	65.8	64.2	0.1	65.5	66.1	65.6	0.1

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Saskatchewan

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	760.4	757.6	757.4	(3.0)	760.4	757.6	757.4	(3.0)
Labour Force ('000)	490.8	511.3	508.4	17.6	500.9	520.9	518.0	17.1
Employment ('000)	458.7	484.2	475.5	16.8	471.1	491.7	488.2	17.1
Unemployed ('000)	32.1	27.1	32.9	0.8	29.8	29.2	29.8	-
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.5	5.3	6.5	-	5.9	5.6	5.8	(0.1)
Participation Rate (%)	64.5	67.5	67.1	2.6	65.9	68.8	68.4	2.5
Employment Rate (%)	60.3	63.9	62.8	2.5	62.0	64.9	64.5	2.5

Alberta

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	2,396.5	2,445.1	2,449.4	52.9	2,396.5	2,445.1	2,449.4	52.9
Labour Force ('000)	1,716.8	1,782.7	1,773.0	56.2	1,739.0	1,795.8	1,794.3	55.3
Employment ('000)	1,627.3	1,700.6	1,667.5	40.2	1,655.0	1,707.5	1,695.4	40.4
Unemployed ('000)	89.5	82.1	105.5	16.0	84.0	88.4	99.0	15.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	4.6	6.0	0.8	4.8	4.9	5.5	0.7
Participation Rate (%)	71.6	72.9	72.4	0.8	72.6	73.4	73.3	0.7
Employment Rate (%)	67.9	69.6	68.1	0.2	69.1	69.8	69.2	0.1

British Columbia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	3,303.9	3,343.1	3,345.8	41.9	3,303.9	3,343.1	3,345.8	41.9
Labour Force ('000)	2,101.6	2,151.9	2,136.0	34.4	2,130.1	2,176.9	2,167.3	37.2
Employment ('000)	1,899.6	1,977.0	1,944.5	44.9	1,942.4	1,994.6	1,990.3	47.9
Unemployed ('000)	201.9	174.9	191.6	(10.3)	187.7	182.3	177.0	(10.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.6	8.1	9.0	(0.6)	8.8	8.4	8.2	(0.6)
Participation Rate (%)	63.6	64.4	63.8	0.2	64.5	65.1	64.8	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	57.5	59.1	58.1	0.6	58.8	59.7	59.5	0.7

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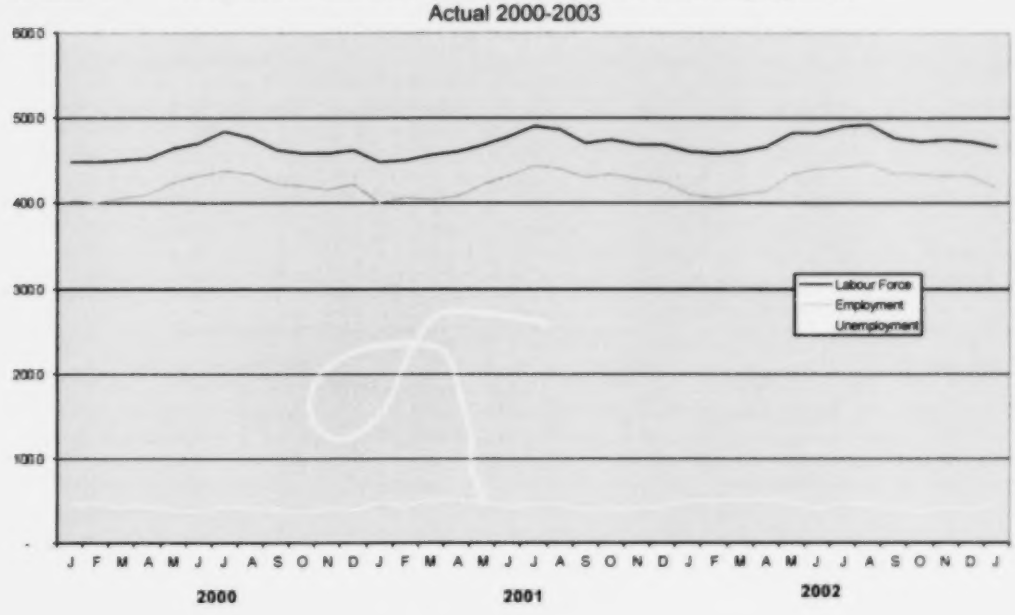
Actual 2000-2003



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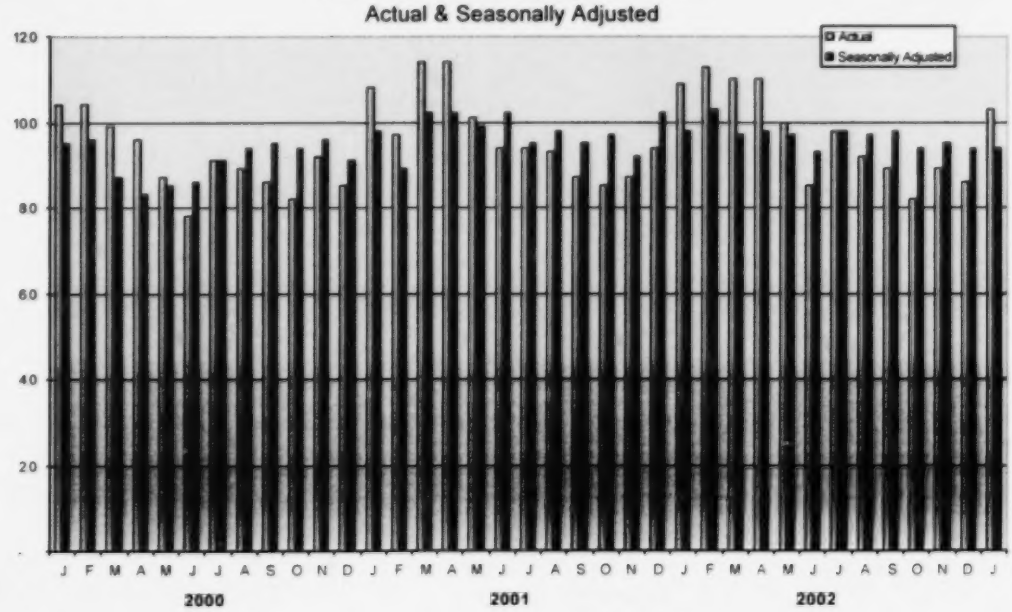
Nova Scotia Unemployment Rate

Actual & Seasonally Adjusted



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Economic Regions/CMA
(unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Canada				Nova Scotia			
	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	24,766.8	25,067.9	25,088.0	321.2	753.3	757.5	757.7	4.4
Labour Force ('000)	16,219.0	16,765.9	16,710.8	491.8	466.3	473.4	470.9	4.6
Employment ('000)	14,956.7	15,580.8	15,465.2	508.5	421.2	432.8	427.2	6.0
Unemployed ('000)	1,262.3	1,185.1	1,245.7	(16.6)	45.1	40.6	43.7	(1.4)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.8	7.1	7.5	(0.3)	9.7	8.6	9.3	(0.4)
Participation Rate (%)	65.5	66.9	66.6	1.1	61.9	62.5	62.1	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	60.4	62.2	61.6	1.2	55.9	57.1	56.4	0.5

	230 - Annapolis Valley				210 - Cape Breton			
	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	101.2	101.7	101.7	0.5	121.3	120.4	120.3	(1.0)
Labour Force ('000)	59.9	65.1	63.8	3.9	62.5	62.6	62.2	(0.3)
Employment ('000)	55.7	61.4	59.0	3.3	52.8	54.4	53.4	0.6
Unemployed ('000)	4.2	3.7	4.8	0.6	9.7	8.2	8.8	(0.9)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.0	5.7	7.5	0.5	15.5	13.1	14.1	(1.4)
Participation Rate (%)	59.2	64.0	62.7	3.5	51.5	52.0	51.7	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	55.0	60.4	58.0	3.0	43.5	45.2	44.4	0.9

	250 - Halifax County				Halifax Metro (CMA)			
	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	294.0	297.9	298.2	4.2	282.1	285.8	286.1	4.0
Labour Force ('000)	206.6	202.1	201.8	(4.8)	200.2	196.4	196.3	(3.9)
Employment ('000)	191.0	187.6	186.3	(4.7)	185.0	182.5	181.4	(3.6)
Unemployed ('000)	15.6	14.5	15.5	(0.1)	15.2	13.9	14.9	(0.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.6	7.2	7.7	0.1	7.6	7.1	7.6	-
Participation Rate (%)	70.3	67.8	67.7	(2.6)	71.0	68.7	68.6	(2.4)
Employment Rate (%)	65.0	63.0	62.5	(2.5)	65.6	63.9	63.4	(2.2)

	220 - North Shore				240 - Southern			
	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	132.9	133.3	133.3	0.4	103.9	104.3	104.3	0.4
Labour Force ('000)	77.6	79.5	79.3	1.7	59.6	64.2	63.7	4.1
Employment ('000)	68.8	72.4	72.1	3.3	52.9	57.0	56.4	3.5
Unemployed ('000)	8.8	7.0	7.3	(1.5)	6.8	7.2	7.3	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.3	8.8	9.2	(2.1)	11.4	11.2	11.5	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	58.4	59.6	59.5	1.1	57.4	61.6	61.1	3.7
Employment Rate (%)	51.8	54.3	54.1	2.3	50.9	54.7	54.1	3.2

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Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change
Canada	15,180.5	15,649.7	15,647.6	467.1	12,380.1	12,673.4	12,707.8	327.7	2,800.5	2,976.3	2,939.8	139.3
Newfoundland and Labrac	213.2	213.5	217.0	3.8	178.0	180.9	182.7	4.7	35.2	32.6	34.3	(0.9)
Prince Edward Island	65.7	67.9	67.6	1.9	55.2	56.5	56.4	1.2	10.5	11.4	11.1	0.6
Nova Scotia	426.1	432.3	434.3	8.2	347.9	347.4	350.2	2.3	78.2	84.9	84.0	5.8
New Brunswick	341.0	350.0	349.4	8.4	287.8	295.8	295.5	7.7	53.2	54.2	53.9	0.7
Quebec	3,520.0	3,654.1	3,646.8	126.8	2,908.2	2,985.2	3,004.1	95.9	611.9	668.9	642.7	30.8
Ontario	5,980.6	6,166.0	6,191.5	210.9	4,896.9	5,039.8	5,065.6	168.7	1,083.7	1,126.2	1,125.9	42.2
Manitoba	565.5	572.1	567.3	1.8	457.8	462.3	454.3	(3.5)	107.6	109.9	112.9	5.3
Saskatchewan	471.1	491.7	488.2	17.1	380.6	390.1	392.1	11.5	90.5	101.6	96.0	5.5
Alberta	1,655.0	1,707.5	1,695.4	40.4	1,358.0	1,400.0	1,390.4	32.4	297.0	307.4	305.0	8.0
British Columbia	1,942.4	1,994.6	1,990.3	47.9	1,509.6	1,514.7	1,516.2	6.6	432.8	479.9	474.1	41.3

Employment - Actual (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change
Canada	14,796.7	15,548.8	15,266.3	469.6	11,862.9	12,439.4	12,200.2	337.3	2,933.9	3,109.4	3,066.1	132.2
Newfoundland and Labrac	195.5	208.1	199.6	4.1	160.0	175.6	164.8	4.8	35.6	32.5	34.8	(0.8)
Prince Edward Island	59.7	64.0	61.4	1.7	48.3	52.1	49.4	1.1	11.5	11.9	12.1	0.6
Nova Scotia	410.0	431.6	417.7	7.7	326.5	343.4	328.6	2.1	83.4	88.2	89.1	5.7
New Brunswick	321.4	341.9	329.7	8.3	265.3	285.4	272.8	7.5	56.1	56.5	56.9	0.8
Quebec	3,407.5	3,618.7	3,534.3	126.8	2,747.7	2,914.1	2,848.6	100.9	659.8	704.6	685.7	25.9
Ontario	5,863.3	6,153.7	6,080.7	217.4	4,740.9	4,969.5	4,917.5	176.6	1,122.4	1,184.2	1,163.2	40.8
Manitoba	553.7	569.0	555.4	1.7	439.7	451.3	435.9	(3.8)	114.0	117.7	119.5	5.5
Saskatchewan	458.7	484.2	475.5	16.8	360.5	378.9	373.8	13.3	98.1	105.2	101.6	3.5
Alberta	1,627.3	1,700.6	1,667.5	40.2	1,311.8	1,383.4	1,344.0	32.2	315.5	317.1	323.5	8.0
British Columbia	1,899.6	1,977.0	1,944.5	44.9	1,462.2	1,485.6	1,464.8	2.6	437.4	491.4	479.7	42.3

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Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change
Canada	2,705.5	2,772.8	2,771.7	66.2	2,333.2	2,404.5	2,392.2	59.0	13.8	13.3	13.7	(0.1)
Newfoundland and Labrac	40.8	42.1	41.9	1.1	30.7	31.5	31.0	0.3	24.8	25.2	26.0	1.2
Prince Edward Island	14.1	14.3	13.9	(0.2)	11.3	12.4	11.9	0.6	19.9	13.3	14.4	(5.5)
Nova Scotia	78.0	80.5	82.6	4.6	62.9	66.7	70.6	7.7	19.5	17.1	14.6	(4.9)
New Brunswick	65.2	65.0	63.5	(1.7)	53.5	55.4	54.4	0.9	18.1	14.6	14.3	(3.8)
Quebec	622.3	638.6	638.6	16.3	537.3	556.0	551.5	14.2	13.7	12.9	13.6	(0.1)
Ontario	1,035.1	1,058.4	1,057.1	22.0	890.8	909.7	913.9	23.1	13.9	14.1	13.5	(0.4)
Manitoba	109.0	108.8	110.1	1.1	97.6	98.7	99.7	2.1	10.5	9.3	9.4	(1.1)
Saskatchewan	91.4	95.9	95.8	4.4	80.4	86.7	85.6	5.2	12.0	9.6	10.6	(1.4)
Alberta	318.5	320.6	324.0	5.5	286.8	291.1	284.7	(2.1)	10.0	9.2	12.1	2.1
British Columbia	331.1	348.6	344.2	13.1	281.9	296.2	288.9	7.0	14.8	15.0	16.1	1.3

15-24 Age Group - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change
Canada	2,524.5	2,645.8	2,588.2	63.7	2,163.2	2,332.8	2,218.4	55.2	14.3	11.8	14.3	-
Newfoundland and Labrac	35.2	37.9	36.8	1.6	25.8	29.5	25.9	0.1	26.7	22.2	29.3	2.6
Prince Edward Island	12.7	12.9	12.3	(0.4)	9.3	10.9	9.7	0.4	26.8	15.5	20.3	(6.5)
Nova Scotia	71.0	76.4	75.2	4.2	55.5	64.4	63.3	7.8	21.8	15.7	15.8	(6.0)
New Brunswick	58.6	59.5	56.4	(2.2)	46.4	51.1	47.1	0.7	21.0	14.1	16.7	(4.3)
Quebec	582.0	607.6	599.5	17.5	495.6	537.8	509.3	13.7	14.8	11.5	15.0	0.2
Ontario	963.8	1,009.7	983.5	19.7	828.8	888.3	852.0	23.2	14.0	12.0	13.4	(0.6)
Manitoba	101.5	106.4	102.7	1.2	89.7	96.7	91.9	2.2	11.6	9.1	10.5	(1.1)
Saskatchewan	83.9	90.5	88.6	4.7	73.4	83.2	76.4	5.0	12.5	8.1	11.4	(1.1)
Alberta	302.1	312.0	307.8	5.7	271.9	284.2	269.2	(2.7)	10.0	8.9	12.5	2.5
British Columbia	313.7	332.9	325.7	12.0	266.8	286.7	271.7	4.9	15.0	13.9	16.6	1.6

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Canada - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change
All Industries	**16,197.3**	**16,744.1**	**16,611.3**	**414.0**	**14,796.7**	**15,548.6**	**15,266.3**	**469.6**	**8.6**	**7.1**	**8.1**	**(0.5)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**4,065.7**	**4,233.2**	**4,167.1**	**101.4**	**3,646.1**	**3,910.3**	**3,787.4**	**139.3**	**10.3**	**7.6**	**9.1**	**(1.2)**
Agriculture	307.6	354.8	350.7	43.1	279.2	328.6	318.0	38.8	9.2	7.4	9.3	0.1
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	312.5	291.1	294.1	(18.4)	270.0	263.9	263.4	(6.6)	13.6	9.3	10.5	(3.1)
Utilities	132.0	132.1	126.2	(5.8)	127.4	131.1	122.9	(4.5)	3.4	-	2.7	(0.7)
Construction	923.9	1,005.0	969.0	45.1	782.6	887.6	823.0	40.4	15.3	11.7	15.1	(0.2)
Manufacturing	2,388.8	2,450.1	2,427.1	37.3	2,186.9	2,299.1	2,260.0	71.1	8.4	6.2	6.9	(1.5)
Services-Producing Sector	**11,741.4**	**12,168.4**	**12,099.8**	**348.4**	**11,148.6**	**11,638.5**	**11,479.0**	**330.4**	**5.0**	**4.3**	**5.1**	**0.1**
Trade	2,515.1	2,610.0	2,573.1	58.0	2,376.3	2,495.8	2,424.1	47.8	5.5	4.4	5.8	0.3
Transportation and Warehousing	774.0	788.7	794.5	20.5	720.8	757.6	761.8	41.0	6.9	3.9	4.1	(2.8)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	882.4	926.1	935.0	42.6	867.2	902.6	905.9	38.7	2.8	2.5	3.1	0.3
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,007.3	1,050.4	1,031.8	24.5	961.2	1,013.1	983.4	22.2	4.6	3.6	4.7	0.1
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	608.3	648.1	641.0	32.7	538.6	593.3	573.2	34.6	11.5	8.5	10.6	(0.9)
Educational Services	1,052.9	1,104.6	1,122.7	69.8	1,034.3	1,085.3	1,099.9	65.6	1.8	1.7	2.0	0.2
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,596.1	1,682.5	1,679.7	83.6	1,563.3	1,651.7	1,645.9	82.6	2.1	1.8	2.0	(0.1)
Information, Culture and Recreation	731.0	743.2	732.0	1.0	674.7	673.0	663.1	(11.6)	7.7	9.4	9.4	1.7
Accommodation and Food Services	1,049.5	1,078.8	1,050.7	1.2	964.9	1,000.8	958.5	(6.4)	8.1	7.2	8.8	0.7
Other Services	717.8	735.2	731.5	13.7	680.1	697.9	691.0	10.9	5.3	5.1	5.5	0.2
Public Administration	796.8	790.8	797.7	0.9	767.3	767.4	772.1	4.8	3.7	3.0	3.2	(0.5)
Unclassified Industries	390.1	352.5	354.4	(35.7)	-	-	-					

Nova Scotia - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change
All Industries	**460.1**	**472.4**	**465.7**	**5.6**	**410.0**	**431.6**	**417.7**	**7.7**	**10.9**	**8.6**	**10.3**	**(0.6)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**102.5**	**109.0**	**104.5**	**2.0**	**84.9**	**93.5**	**88.1**	**3.2**	**17.2**	**14.2**	**15.7**	**(1.5)**
Agriculture	7.4	7.4	6.4	(1.0)	5.8	5.7	5.3	(0.5)	21.6	23.0	17.2	(4.4)
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	14.5	18.6	17.1	2.6	12.0	15.8	14.8	2.8	17.2	15.1	13.5	(3.7)
Utilities	2.3	3.2	3.2	0.9	2.2	2.9	2.9	0.7	-	-	-	-
Construction	30.8	29.6	26.6	(4.2)	23.0	24.4	20.4	(2.6)	25.3	17.2	23.3	(2.0)
Manufacturing	47.6	50.2	51.0	3.4	41.9	44.7	44.6	2.7	12.0	11.0	12.5	0.5
Services-Producing Sector	**347.5**	**354.8**	**352.2**	**4.7**	**325.1**	**338.1**	**329.6**	**4.5**	**6.4**	**4.7**	**6.4**	**-**
Trade	80.2	79.6	78.5	(1.7)	75.0	77.5	73.1	(1.9)	6.4	2.5	6.9	0.5
Transportation and Warehousing	22.9	20.5	20.0	(2.9)	20.5	19.3	18.9	(1.6)	10.5	5.9	5.5	(5.0)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	21.8	23.1	22.1	0.3	21.1	22.4	21.4	0.3	3.2	3.0	3.2	-
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	18.2	21.8	21.7	3.5	16.7	20.8	20.1	3.4	8.2	4.6	6.9	(1.3)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	21.6	22.6	22.9	1.3	19.3	20.8	20.8	1.5	10.6	8.0	9.6	(1.0)
Educational Services	35.3	37.3	37.3	2.0	34.7	35.7	35.9	1.2	1.7	4.3	4.0	2.3
Health Care and Social Assistance	52.2	53.3	53.9	1.7	50.2	52.1	51.9	1.7	4.0	2.4	3.7	(0.3)
Information, Culture and Recreation	17.2	17.2	17.0	(0.2)	15.6	16.1	15.3	(0.3)	9.3	6.4	10.0	0.7
Accommodation and Food Services	34.3	31.5	28.7	(5.6)	30.5	27.8	24.6	(5.9)	10.8	12.1	14.6	3.8
Other Services	19.9	23.2	23.7	3.8	18.8	22.1	22.5	3.7	5.5	4.7	5.1	(0.4)
Public Administration	23.9	24.7	26.3	2.4	22.6	23.5	25.2	2.6	5.4	4.9	4.2	(1.2)
Unclassified Industries	10.1	8.7	9.0	(1.1)	-	-	-					

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(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Unemployment Rate - %				Employment Rate - %				Participation Rate - %			
	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change	Jan 2002	Dec 2002	Jan 2003	Annual Change
St. John's, Newfoundland and	8.6	9.3	9.9	1.3	59.4	62.1	62.0	2.6	65.0	68.5	68.9	3.9
Halifax	7.6	7.1	7.6	-	65.6	63.9	63.4	(2.2)	71.0	68.7	68.6	(2.4)
Saint John, New Brunswick	9.7	6.3	7.8	(1.9)	57.2	63.0	60.9	3.7	63.4	67.2	66.1	2.7
Saguenay	12.4	10.1	10.6	(1.8)	53.9	54.1	53.7	(0.2)	61.6	60.1	60.1	(1.5)
Québec	7.3	5.4	6.8	(0.5)	60.5	62.2	61.1	0.6	65.3	65.8	65.5	0.2
Trois-Rivières	11.6	9.0	9.5	(2.1)	53.1	55.2	55.2	2.1	60.2	60.8	61.0	0.8
Sherbrooke	8.6	7.3	7.6	(1.0)	59.0	60.4	60.1	1.1	64.6	65.2	65.0	0.4
Montréal	8.9	7.7	8.5	(0.4)	59.7	62.4	62.0	2.3	65.5	67.6	67.8	2.3
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.4	7.1	7.3	0.9	65.2	65.3	65.1	(0.1)	69.7	70.3	70.2	0.5
Sudbury	9.1	7.1	7.9	(1.2)	57.2	57.5	56.3	(0.9)	63.1	61.9	61.2	(1.9)
Oshawa	6.8	5.4	5.2	(1.6)	64.6	66.9	67.2	2.6	69.3	70.7	70.9	1.6
Toronto	6.8	6.7	6.7	(0.1)	64.9	65.2	65.0	0.1	69.6	69.9	69.7	0.1
Hamilton	5.9	5.5	6.0	0.1	60.2	63.8	63.7	3.5	63.9	67.5	67.7	3.8
St. Catharines - Niagara	7.1	7.3	7.9	0.8	58.1	59.3	58.1	-	62.5	64.0	63.1	0.6
London	6.4	5.3	6.0	(0.4)	60.8	63.2	62.3	1.5	64.9	66.7	66.3	1.4
Windsor	8.0	7.1	7.4	(0.6)	61.8	63.4	62.9	1.1	67.2	68.2	68.0	0.8
Kitchener	6.5	4.9	5.3	(1.2)	64.5	66.4	66.5	2.0	69.0	69.9	70.2	1.2
Thunder Bay	7.8	5.2	5.2	(2.6)	59.5	62.5	63.4	3.9	64.5	66.0	66.8	2.3
Winnipeg	5.0	4.9	5.1	0.1	67.3	68.3	67.5	0.2	70.8	71.8	71.1	0.3
Regina	5.8	4.6	5.3	(0.5)	68.5	68.7	68.5	-	72.7	72.0	72.3	(0.4)
Saskatoon	5.5	5.6	5.8	0.3	62.7	66.4	65.7	3.0	66.4	70.4	69.7	3.3
Calgary	4.6	5.4	5.4	0.8	72.2	70.8	70.8	(1.4)	75.7	74.9	74.8	(0.9)
Edmonton	5.2	4.7	5.0	(0.2)	65.4	68.0	67.5	2.1	68.9	71.3	71.0	2.1
Vancouver	8.2	7.7	7.6	(0.6)	60.0	62.3	62.0	2.0	65.3	67.5	67.1	1.8
Victoria	6.4	6.4	6.5	0.1	59.2	57.7	57.8	(1.4)	63.2	61.7	61.8	(1.4)

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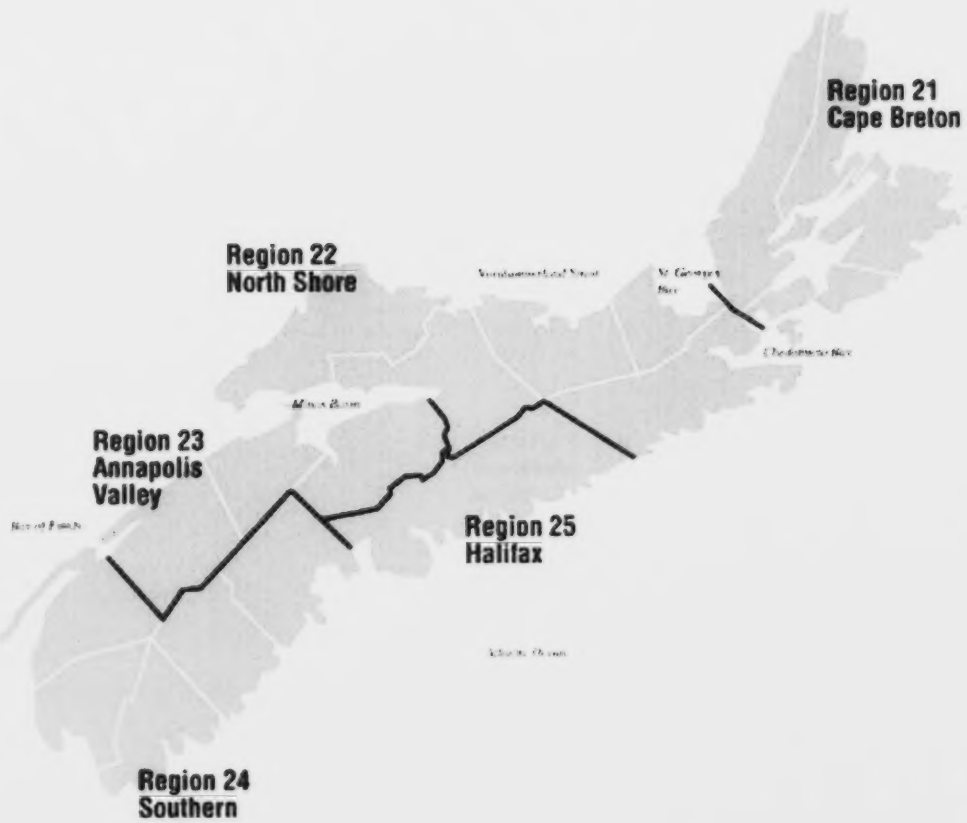

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About the Employment Situation Report

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The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2001 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

Release Dates - 2003:

Data for:	**Release date:**
January 2003	February 7, 2003
February 2003	March 7, 2003
March 2003	April 4, 2003
April 2003	May 9, 2003
May 2003	June 6, 2003
June 2003	July 11, 2003
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August 2003	September 5, 2003
September 2003	October 10, 2003
October 2003	November 7, 2003
November 2003	December 5, 2003
December 2003	January 9, 2004
January 2004	February 6, 2004

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Canada

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	24,815.2	25,108.2	25,125.1	309.9	24,815.2	25,108.2	25,125.1	309.9
Labour Force ('000)	16,229.0	16,611.3	16,710.0	481.0	16,475.3	16,906.1	16,960.6	485.3
Employment ('000)	14,860.2	15,266.3	15,375.7	515.5	15,187.9	15,647.6	15,702.8	514.9
Unemployed ('000)	1,368.9	1,345.0	1,334.4	(34.5)	1,287.4	1,258.5	1,257.9	(29.5)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.4	8.1	8.0	(0.4)	7.8	7.4	7.4	(0.4)
Participation Rate (%)	65.4	66.2	66.5	1.1	66.4	67.3	67.5	1.1
Employment Rate (%)	59.9	60.8	61.2	1.3	61.2	62.3	62.5	1.3

Nova Scotia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	753.9	757.9	758.2	4.3	753.9	757.9	758.2	4.3
Labour Force ('000)	458.1	465.7	462.1	4.0	471.9	479.1	478.0	6.1
Employment ('000)	406.4	417.7	417.4	11.0	423.2	434.3	435.4	12.2
Unemployed ('000)	51.7	48.0	44.7	(7.0)	48.7	44.8	42.6	(6.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.3	10.3	9.7	(1.6)	10.3	9.4	8.9	(1.4)
Participation Rate (%)	60.8	61.4	60.9	0.1	62.6	63.2	63.0	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	53.9	55.1	55.1	1.2	56.1	57.3	57.4	1.3

Newfoundland and Labrador

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	439.5	439.1	439.3	(0.2)	439.5	439.1	439.3	(0.2)
Labour Force ('000)	241.1	250.2	249.0	7.9	257.0	264.4	265.0	8.0
Employment ('000)	194.8	199.6	201.1	6.3	212.5	217.0	218.6	6.1
Unemployed ('000)	46.3	50.6	47.9	1.6	44.6	47.4	46.4	1.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	19.2	20.2	19.2	-	17.4	17.9	17.5	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	54.9	57.0	56.7	1.8	58.5	60.2	60.3	1.8
Employment Rate (%)	44.3	45.5	45.8	1.5	48.4	49.4	49.8	1.4

Prince Edward Island

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	111.4	112.7	112.7	1.3	111.4	112.7	112.7	1.3
Labour Force ('000)	73.6	72.6	72.7	(0.9)	77.0	76.0	76.5	(0.5)
Employment ('000)	60.6	61.4	62.1	1.5	66.1	67.6	67.8	1.7
Unemployed ('000)	13.1	11.2	10.6	(2.5)	10.9	8.4	8.8	(2.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	17.8	15.4	14.6	(3.2)	14.2	11.1	11.5	(2.7)
Participation Rate (%)	66.1	64.4	64.5	(1.6)	69.1	67.4	67.9	(1.2)
Employment Rate (%)	54.4	54.5	55.1	0.7	59.3	60.0	60.2	0.9

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.
Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings.

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New Brunswick

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	606.8	608.5	608.5	1.7	606.8	608.5	608.5	1.7
Labour Force ('000)	370.0	372.6	378.1	8.1	384.5	389.2	392.2	7.7
Employment ('000)	321.7	329.7	329.6	7.9	342.1	349.4	350.2	8.1
Unemployed ('000)	48.3	42.9	48.5	0.2	42.3	39.8	41.9	(0.4)
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.1	11.5	12.8	(0.3)	11.0	10.2	10.7	(0.3)
Participation Rate (%)	61.0	61.2	62.1	1.1	63.4	64.0	64.5	1.1
Employment Rate (%)	53.0	54.2	54.2	1.2	56.4	57.4	57.6	1.2

Quebec

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	6,013.7	6,059.5	6,062.1	48.4	6,013.7	6,059.5	6,062.1	48.4
Labour Force ('000)	3,826.2	3,903.0	3,936.9	110.7	3,888.0	3,981.6	3,998.5	110.5
Employment ('000)	3,441.1	3,534.3	3,564.4	123.3	3,531.6	3,646.8	3,655.3	123.7
Unemployed ('000)	385.2	368.7	372.5	(12.7)	356.5	334.8	343.2	(13.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.1	9.4	9.5	(0.6)	9.2	8.4	8.6	(0.6)
Participation Rate (%)	63.6	64.4	64.9	1.3	64.7	65.7	66.0	1.3
Employment Rate (%)	57.2	58.3	58.8	1.6	58.7	60.2	60.3	1.6

Ontario

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	9,558.4	9,713.0	9,721.5	163.1	9,558.4	9,713.0	9,721.5	163.1
Labour Force ('000)	6,365.2	6,542.9	6,585.2	220.0	6,444.7	6,639.8	6,664.9	220.2
Employment ('000)	5,892.5	6,080.7	6,120.1	227.6	5,996.9	6,191.5	6,219.9	223.0
Unemployed ('000)	472.7	462.2	465.1	(7.6)	447.8	448.3	445.0	(2.8)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.4	7.1	7.1	(0.3)	6.9	6.8	6.7	(0.2)
Participation Rate (%)	66.6	67.4	67.7	1.1	67.4	68.4	68.6	1.2
Employment Rate (%)	61.6	62.6	63.0	1.4	62.7	63.7	64.0	1.3

Manitoba

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	863.7	864.9	864.8	1.1	863.7	864.9	864.8	1.1
Labour Force ('000)	588.2	586.9	589.6	1.4	595.0	596.4	597.2	2.2
Employment ('000)	551.2	555.4	556.6	5.4	560.4	567.3	566.7	6.3
Unemployed ('000)	36.9	31.5	33.0	(3.9)	34.6	29.1	30.5	(4.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	5.4	5.6	(0.7)	5.8	4.9	5.1	(0.7)
Participation Rate (%)	68.1	67.9	68.2	0.1	68.9	69.0	69.1	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	63.8	64.2	64.4	0.6	64.9	65.6	65.5	0.6

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Saskatchewan

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	760.3	757.4	757.1	(3.2)	760.3	757.4	757.1	(3.2)
Labour Force ('000)	495.3	508.4	508.1	12.8	505.6	518.0	518.6	13.0
Employment ('000)	464.9	475.5	475.5	10.6	476.6	488.2	487.6	11.0
Unemployed ('000)	30.4	32.9	32.6	2.2	29.0	29.8	31.0	2.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	6.5	6.4	0.3	5.7	5.8	6.0	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	65.1	67.1	67.1	2.0	66.5	68.4	68.5	2.0
Employment Rate (%)	61.1	62.8	62.8	1.7	62.7	64.5	64.4	1.7

Alberta

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	2,400.3	2,449.4	2,453.1	52.8	2,400.3	2,449.4	2,453.1	52.8
Labour Force ('000)	1,713.5	1,773.0	1,770.2	56.7	1,732.9	1,794.3	1,789.7	56.8
Employment ('000)	1,623.3	1,667.5	1,677.4	54.1	1,644.9	1,695.4	1,699.3	54.4
Unemployed ('000)	90.2	105.5	92.8	2.6	88.1	99.0	90.4	2.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	6.0	5.2	(0.1)	5.1	5.5	5.1	-
Participation Rate (%)	71.4	72.4	72.2	0.8	72.2	73.3	73.0	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	67.6	68.1	68.4	0.8	68.5	69.2	69.3	0.8

British Columbia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	3,307.1	3,345.8	3,347.9	40.8	3,307.1	3,345.8	3,347.9	40.8
Labour Force ('000)	2,097.9	2,136.0	2,158.1	60.2	2,118.7	2,167.3	2,180.1	61.4
Employment ('000)	1,903.7	1,944.5	1,971.3	67.6	1,933.7	1,990.3	2,002.0	68.3
Unemployed ('000)	194.2	191.6	186.8	(7.4)	184.9	177.0	178.1	(6.8)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.3	9.0	8.7	(0.6)	8.7	8.2	8.2	(0.5)
Participation Rate (%)	63.4	63.8	64.5	1.1	64.1	64.8	65.1	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	57.6	58.1	58.9	1.3	58.5	59.5	59.8	1.3

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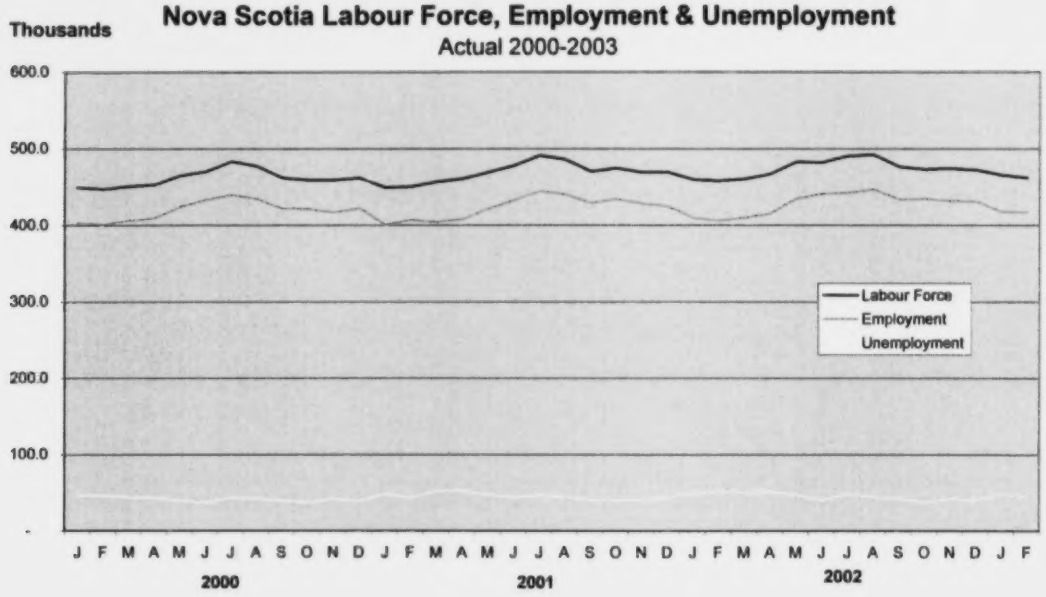

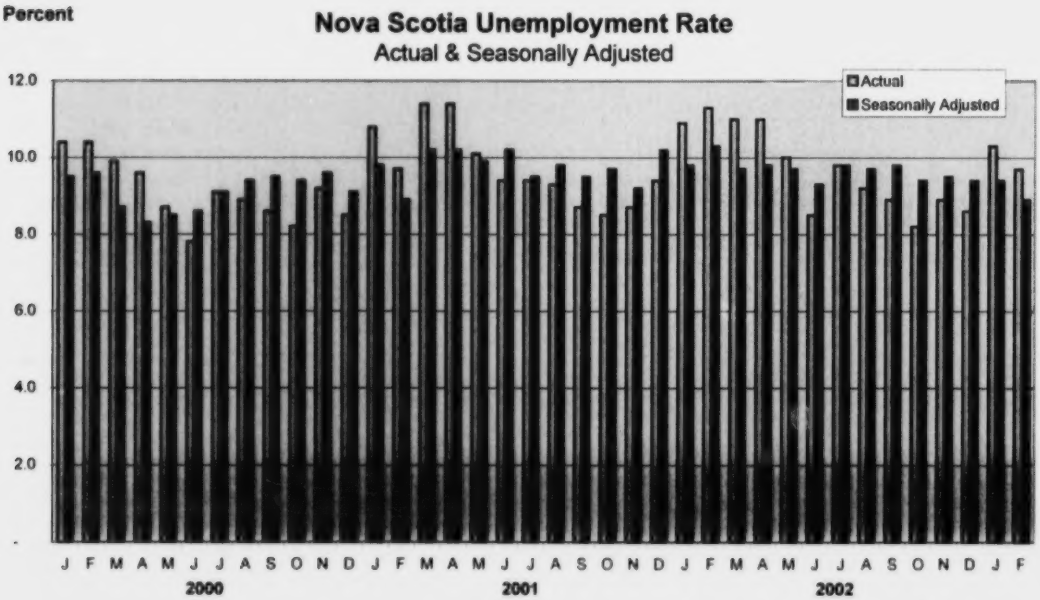

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Economic Regions/CMA

(unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Canada				Nova Scotia			
	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	24,790.9	25,088.0	25,106.9	316.0	753.6	757.7	757.9	4.3
Labour Force ('000)	16,215.4	16,710.8	16,688.5	473.1	462.5	470.9	466.7	4.2
Employment ('000)	14,882.4	15,465.2	15,396.9	514.5	413.8	427.2	422.2	8.4
Unemployed ('000)	1,332.9	1,245.7	1,291.5	(41.4)	48.7	43.7	44.5	(4.2)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.2	7.5	7.7	(0.5)	10.5	9.3	9.5	(1.0)
Participation Rate (%)	65.4	66.6	66.5	1.1	61.4	62.1	61.6	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	60.0	61.6	61.3	1.3	54.9	56.4	55.7	0.8

	230 - Annapolis Valley				210 - Cape Breton			
	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	101.2	101.7	101.7	0.5	121.2	120.3	120.2	(1.0)
Labour Force ('000)	60.7	63.8	62.3	1.6	61.2	62.2	61.6	0.4
Employment ('000)	55.5	59.0	56.5	1.0	51.6	53.4	52.4	0.8
Unemployed ('000)	5.2	4.8	5.9	0.7	9.6	8.8	9.1	(0.5)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.6	7.5	9.5	0.9	15.7	14.1	14.8	(0.9)
Participation Rate (%)	60.0	62.7	61.3	1.3	50.5	51.7	51.2	0.7
Employment Rate (%)	54.8	58.0	55.6	0.8	42.6	44.4	43.6	1.0

	250 - Halifax County				Halifax Metro (CMA)			
	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	294.3	298.2	298.5	4.2	282.4	286.1	286.5	4.1
Labour Force ('000)	204.0	201.8	201.4	(2.6)	197.7	196.3	195.7	(2.0)
Employment ('000)	187.4	186.3	186.2	(1.2)	181.4	181.4	181.1	(0.3)
Unemployed ('000)	16.6	15.5	15.1	(1.5)	16.3	14.9	14.7	(1.6)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.1	7.7	7.5	(0.6)	8.2	7.6	7.5	(0.7)
Participation Rate (%)	69.3	67.7	67.5	(1.8)	70.0	68.6	68.3	(1.7)
Employment Rate (%)	63.7	62.5	62.4	(1.3)	64.2	63.4	63.2	(1.0)

	220 - North Shore				240 - Southern			
	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	132.9	133.3	133.2	0.3	103.9	104.3	104.3	0.4
Labour Force ('000)	77.0	79.3	78.8	1.8	59.6	63.7	62.7	3.1
Employment ('000)	67.1	72.1	71.2	4.1	52.3	56.4	55.9	3.6
Unemployed ('000)	10.0	7.3	7.5	(2.5)	7.3	7.3	6.8	(0.5)
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.0	9.2	9.5	(3.5)	12.2	11.5	10.8	(1.4)
Participation Rate (%)	57.9	59.5	59.2	1.3	57.4	61.1	60.1	2.7
Employment Rate (%)	50.5	54.1	53.5	3.0	50.3	54.1	53.6	3.3

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Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change
Canada	15,187.9	15,647.6	15,702.8	514.9	12,399.6	12,707.8	12,735.3	335.7	2,788.4	2,939.8	2,967.5	179.1
Newfoundland and Labrador	212.5	217.0	218.6	6.1	179.0	182.7	182.6	3.6	33.5	34.3	36.0	2.5
Prince Edward Island	66.1	67.6	67.8	1.7	55.4	56.4	57.3	1.9	10.6	11.1	10.4	(0.2)
Nova Scotia	423.2	434.3	435.4	12.2	346.7	350.2	351.6	4.9	76.5	84.0	83.8	7.3
New Brunswick	342.1	349.4	350.2	8.1	290.1	295.5	294.3	4.2	52.0	53.9	55.9	3.9
Quebec	3,531.6	3,646.8	3,655.3	123.7	2,936.1	3,004.1	2,993.7	57.6	595.4	642.7	661.5	66.1
Ontario	5,996.9	6,191.5	6,219.9	223.0	4,921.7	5,065.6	5,082.0	160.3	1,075.2	1,125.9	1,137.9	62.7
Manitoba	560.4	567.3	566.7	6.3	449.8	454.3	454.9	5.1	110.6	112.9	111.8	1.2
Saskatchewan	476.6	488.2	487.6	11.0	382.0	392.1	391.3	9.3	94.5	96.0	96.3	1.8
Alberta	1,644.9	1,695.4	1,699.3	54.4	1,349.7	1,390.4	1,398.3	48.6	295.2	305.0	301.0	5.8
British Columbia	1,933.7	1,990.3	2,002.0	68.3	1,488.9	1,516.2	1,528.0	39.1	444.8	474.1	474.0	29.2

Employment - Actual (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change
Canada	14,860.2	15,266.3	15,375.7	515.5	11,930.9	12,200.2	12,258.9	328.0	2,929.3	3,066.1	3,116.8	187.5
Newfoundland and Labrador	194.8	199.6	201.1	6.3	160.2	164.8	164.0	3.8	34.6	34.8	37.2	2.6
Prince Edward Island	60.6	61.4	62.1	1.5	48.7	49.4	50.6	1.9	11.9	12.1	11.5	(0.4)
Nova Scotia	406.4	417.7	417.4	11.0	322.7	328.6	327.3	4.6	83.7	89.1	90.1	6.4
New Brunswick	321.7	329.7	329.6	7.9	267.4	272.8	271.3	3.9	54.3	56.9	58.3	4.0
Quebec	3,441.1	3,534.3	3,564.4	123.3	2,801.1	2,848.6	2,851.7	50.6	639.9	685.7	712.8	72.9
Ontario	5,892.5	6,080.7	6,120.1	227.6	4,774.2	4,917.5	4,936.6	162.4	1,118.3	1,163.2	1,183.5	65.2
Manitoba	551.2	555.4	556.6	5.4	431.3	435.9	436.1	4.8	119.9	119.5	120.5	0.6
Saskatchewan	464.9	475.5	475.5	10.6	363.0	373.8	372.5	9.5	102.0	101.6	103.0	1.0
Alberta	1,623.3	1,667.5	1,677.4	54.1	1,306.7	1,344.0	1,356.3	49.6	316.6	323.5	321.1	4.5
British Columbia	1,903.7	1,944.5	1,971.3	67.6	1,455.5	1,464.8	1,492.5	37.0	448.2	479.7	478.8	30.6

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Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change
Canada	2,705.5	2,771.7	2,789.8	84.3	2,335.8	2,392.2	2,422.5	86.7	13.7	13.7	13.2	(0.5)
Newfoundland and Labrador	41.5	41.9	42.9	1.4	31.5	31.0	31.6	0.1	24.1	26.0	26.3	2.2
Prince Edward Island	14.2	13.9	14.0	(0.2)	11.5	11.9	11.9	0.4	19.0	14.4	15.0	(4.0)
Nova Scotia	76.8	82.6	83.3	6.5	60.9	70.6	71.6	10.7	20.7	14.6	14.0	(6.7)
New Brunswick	65.2	63.5	63.3	(1.9)	54.1	54.4	55.2	1.1	17.0	14.3	12.8	(4.2)
Quebec	634.5	638.6	646.2	11.7	541.7	551.5	554.8	13.1	14.6	13.6	14.1	(0.5)
Ontario	1,029.6	1,057.1	1,074.2	44.6	893.1	913.9	932.3	39.2	13.3	13.5	13.2	(0.1)
Manitoba	111.5	110.1	109.3	(2.2)	98.1	99.7	99.3	1.2	12.0	9.4	9.1	(2.9)
Saskatchewan	91.5	95.8	98.1	6.6	81.7	85.6	87.6	5.9	10.7	10.6	10.6	(0.1)
Alberta	313.9	324.0	317.1	3.2	281.9	284.7	286.7	4.8	10.2	12.1	9.6	(0.6)
British Columbia	326.8	344.2	341.4	14.6	281.3	288.9	291.5	10.2	13.9	16.1	14.6	0.7

15-24 Age Group - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change
Canada	2,527.0	2,588.2	2,611.2	84.2	2,157.4	2,218.4	2,245.8	88.4	14.6	14.3	14.0	(0.6)
Newfoundland and Labrador	35.0	36.8	36.7	1.7	26.5	25.9	26.8	0.3	24.3	29.3	27.0	2.7
Prince Edward Island	12.7	12.3	12.3	(0.4)	9.6	9.7	9.9	0.3	23.6	20.3	19.5	(4.1)
Nova Scotia	68.7	75.2	74.2	5.5	53.3	63.3	63.2	9.9	22.4	15.8	14.8	(7.6)
New Brunswick	58.9	56.4	56.6	(2.3)	47.0	47.1	48.2	1.2	20.0	16.7	14.8	(5.2)
Quebec	594.2	599.5	607.3	13.1	499.9	509.3	512.1	12.2	15.9	15.0	15.7	(0.2)
Ontario	957.5	983.5	1,004.0	46.5	820.7	852.0	863.5	42.8	14.3	13.4	14.0	(0.3)
Manitoba	105.8	102.7	103.0	(2.8)	91.2	91.9	92.2	1.0	13.8	10.5	10.5	(3.3)
Saskatchewan	84.2	88.6	90.9	6.7	74.7	78.4	80.9	6.2	11.3	11.4	11.0	(0.3)
Alberta	297.7	307.8	300.7	3.0	267.6	269.2	272.2	4.6	10.1	12.5	9.5	(0.6)
British Columbia	312.3	325.7	325.5	13.2	266.8	271.7	276.7	9.9	14.6	16.6	15.0	0.4

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Employment by Sector

Canada - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change
All industries	**16,229.0**	**16,611.3**	**16,710.0**	**481.0**	**14,860.2**	**15,266.3**	**15,375.7**	**515.5**	**8.4**	**8.1**	**8.0**	**(0.4)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**4,066.2**	**4,167.1**	**4,177.0**	**90.8**	**3,695.9**	**3,787.4**	**3,822.7**	**126.8**	**9.6**	**9.1**	**8.5**	**(1.1)**
Agriculture	302.4	350.7	344.3	41.9	274.4	318.0	314.6	40.2	9.3	9.3	8.7	(0.6)
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	310.7	294.1	298.4	(12.3)	268.9	263.4	267.4	(1.5)	13.5	10.5	10.4	(3.1)
Utilities	126.7	126.2	130.6	3.9	123.6	122.9	127.1	3.5	2.5	2.7	2.7	0.2
Construction	922.8	969.0	957.4	34.6	785.8	823.0	825.4	39.6	14.8	15.1	13.8	(1.0)
Manufacturing	2,423.5	2,427.1	2,446.3	22.8	2,243.2	2,260.0	2,288.3	45.1	7.4	6.9	6.5	(0.9)
Services-Producing Sector	**11,757.1**	**12,088.8**	**12,163.0**	**405.9**	**11,164.3**	**11,479.0**	**11,553.0**	**388.7**	**5.0**	**5.1**	**5.0**	**-**
Trade	2,514.3	2,573.1	2,543.6	29.3	2,370.6	2,424.1	2,397.2	26.6	5.7	5.8	5.8	0.1
Transportation and Warehousing	776.5	794.5	792.5	16.0	733.1	761.8	753.3	20.2	5.6	4.1	4.9	(0.7)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	867.8	935.0	960.1	72.3	866.1	905.9	933.4	67.3	2.5	3.1	2.8	0.3
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,014.0	1,031.8	1,050.8	36.8	971.1	983.4	1,002.7	31.6	4.2	4.7	4.6	0.4
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	615.6	641.0	643.0	27.4	539.1	573.2	583.0	43.9	12.4	10.6	9.3	(3.1)
Educational Services	1,052.1	1,122.7	1,125.9	73.8	1,032.6	1,099.9	1,104.9	72.3	1.9	2.0	1.9	-
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,580.2	1,679.7	1,697.6	117.4	1,549.8	1,645.9	1,659.0	109.2	1.9	2.0	2.3	0.4
Information, Culture and Recreation	736.7	732.0	712.7	(24.0)	679.3	663.1	653.3	(26.0)	7.8	9.4	8.3	0.5
Accommodation and Food Services	1,063.6	1,050.7	1,087.1	23.5	974.4	958.5	983.0	8.6	8.4	8.8	9.6	1.2
Other Services	727.0	731.5	744.3	17.3	683.3	691.0	700.7	17.4	6.0	5.5	5.9	(0.1)
Public Administration	789.3	797.7	805.1	15.8	765.1	772.1	782.5	17.4	3.1	3.2	2.8	(0.3)
Unclassified Industries	385.6	354.4	370.1	(15.5)	-	-	-					

Nova Scotia - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change
All industries	**458.1**	**465.7**	**462.1**	**4.0**	**406.4**	**417.7**	**417.4**	**11.0**	**11.3**	**10.3**	**9.7**	**(1.6)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**100.9**	**104.5**	**105.6**	**4.7**	**81.8**	**88.1**	**87.8**	**6.0**	**18.9**	**15.7**	**16.9**	**(2.0)**
Agriculture	7.5	6.4	7.4	(0.1)	5.7	5.3	6.1	0.4	22.7	17.2	17.6	(5.1)
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	15.0	17.1	16.5	1.5	11.5	14.8	13.7	2.2	23.3	13.5	17.0	(6.3)
Utilities	2.1	3.2	2.6	0.5	2.1	2.9	2.2	0.1	-	-	-	-
Construction	30.2	26.6	27.8	(2.4)	22.1	20.4	20.2	(1.9)	26.8	23.3	27.7	0.9
Manufacturing	46.1	51.0	51.4	5.3	40.4	44.6	45.7	5.3	12.6	12.5	11.1	(1.5)
Services-Producing Sector	**348.1**	**352.2**	**348.1**	**(1.0)**	**324.6**	**329.6**	**329.6**	**5.0**	**7.0**	**6.4**	**5.3**	**(1.7)**
Trade	80.8	78.5	75.7	(5.1)	75.3	73.1	71.1	(4.2)	6.8	6.9	6.2	(0.6)
Transportation and Warehousing	21.1	20.0	19.0	(2.1)	19.2	18.9	18.2	(1.0)	8.5	5.5	4.2	(4.3)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	22.4	22.1	22.3	(0.1)	21.1	21.4	21.9	0.8	5.8	3.2	-	(5.8)
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	19.5	21.7	21.8	2.3	17.2	20.1	20.0	2.8	11.8	6.9	8.3	(3.5)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	23.7	22.9	22.8	(0.9)	21.0	20.8	21.4	0.4	11.8	9.6	6.1	(5.7)
Educational Services	34.5	37.3	36.0	1.5	33.8	35.9	35.6	1.8	2.0	4.0	-	(2.0)
Health Care and Social Assistance	51.2	53.9	55.0	3.8	49.4	51.9	53.4	4.0	3.5	3.7	3.1	(0.4)
Information, Culture and Recreation	17.7	17.0	15.9	(1.8)	15.9	15.3	14.6	(1.3)	10.2	10.0	8.2	(2.0)
Accommodation and Food Services	33.9	28.7	29.9	(4.0)	30.0	24.6	26.4	(3.6)	11.5	14.6	11.7	0.2
Other Services	21.2	23.7	24.3	3.1	19.6	22.5	22.7	3.1	7.5	5.1	6.6	(0.9)
Public Administration	23.1	26.3	25.3	2.2	22.1	25.2	24.4	2.3	4.3	4.2	3.6	(0.7)
Unclassified Industries	8.1	9.0	8.4	0.3	-	-	-					

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CMA Data

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	Unemployment Rate - %				Employment Rate - %				Participation Rate - %			
	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change	Feb 2002	Jan 2003	Feb 2003	Annual Change
St. John's, Newfoundland	8.8	9.9	10.0	1.2	59.5	62.0	61.5	2.0	65.2	68.9	68.3	3.1
Halifax	8.2	7.6	7.5	(0.7)	64.2	63.4	63.2	(1.0)	70.0	68.6	68.3	(1.7)
Saint John, New Brunswick	9.4	7.8	9.4	-	57.1	60.9	59.9	2.8	63.1	66.1	66.2	3.1
Saguenay	12.7	10.6	11.7	(1.0)	53.5	53.7	53.0	(0.5)	61.3	60.1	60.0	(1.3)
Québec	7.1	6.8	8.0	0.9	60.3	61.1	60.5	0.2	64.9	65.5	65.7	0.8
Trois-Rivières	11.6	9.5	9.9	(1.7)	52.4	55.2	55.3	2.9	59.4	61.0	61.3	1.9
Sherbrooke	9.2	7.6	7.7	(1.5)	57.9	60.1	60.2	2.3	63.8	65.0	65.2	1.4
Montréal	9.2	8.5	8.8	(0.4)	59.8	62.0	61.8	2.0	65.9	67.8	67.7	1.8
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.8	7.3	7.2	0.4	64.9	65.1	65.0	0.1	69.7	70.2	70.1	0.4
Sudbury	10.3	7.9	8.8	(1.5)	56.2	56.3	55.5	(0.7)	62.7	61.2	60.7	(2.0)
Oshawa	7.3	5.2	5.3	(2.0)	64.6	67.2	67.4	2.8	69.7	70.9	71.2	1.5
Toronto	6.9	6.7	7.0	0.1	64.6	65.0	64.7	0.1	69.4	69.7	69.6	0.2
Hamilton	6.6	6.0	6.1	(0.5)	59.9	63.7	63.6	3.7	64.1	67.7	67.7	3.6
St. Catharines - Niagara	7.9	7.9	8.4	0.5	57.5	58.1	57.5	-	62.4	63.1	62.8	0.4
London	6.7	6.0	6.6	(0.1)	60.0	62.3	61.5	1.5	64.4	66.3	65.8	1.4
Windsor	9.1	7.4	7.9	(1.2)	61.5	62.9	62.5	1.0	67.6	68.0	67.8	0.2
Kitchener	6.7	5.3	6.3	(0.4)	63.9	66.5	66.1	2.2	68.4	70.2	70.6	2.2
Thunder Bay	8.0	5.2	4.7	(3.3)	58.5	63.4	64.2	5.7	63.6	66.8	67.4	3.8
Winnipeg	5.6	5.1	5.5	(0.1)	66.5	67.5	66.8	0.3	70.4	71.1	70.7	0.3
Regina	6.0	5.3	5.8	(0.2)	68.7	68.5	67.5	(1.2)	73.1	72.3	71.7	(1.4)
Saskatoon	5.7	5.8	5.8	0.1	62.5	65.7	64.7	2.2	66.3	69.7	68.7	2.4
Calgary	5.0	5.4	5.3	0.3	71.9	70.8	70.5	(1.4)	75.7	74.8	74.5	(1.2)
Edmonton	5.0	5.0	5.1	0.1	65.6	67.5	67.3	1.7	69.1	71.0	71.0	1.9
Vancouver	8.5	7.6	7.6	(0.9)	59.6	62.0	61.5	1.9	65.2	67.1	66.6	1.4
Victoria	7.4	6.5	6.4	(1.0)	58.6	57.8	58.3	(0.3)	63.4	61.8	62.3	(1.1)

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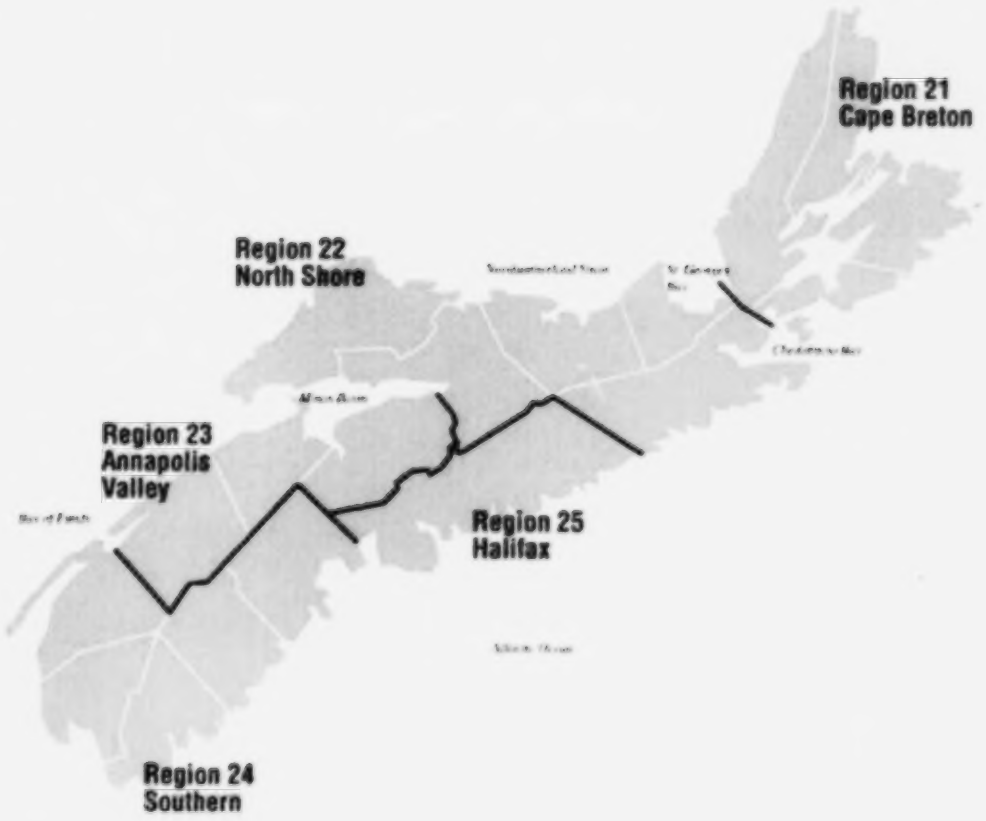

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About the Employment Situation Report

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The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2001 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

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January 2003	February 7, 2003
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August 2003	September 5, 2003
September 2003	October 10, 2003
October 2003	November 7, 2003
November 2003	December 5, 2003
December 2003	January 9, 2004
January 2004	February 6, 2004

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Canada

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	24,840.2	25,125.1	25,145.9	305.7	24,840.2	25,125.1	25,145.9	305.7
Labour Force ('000)	16,334.3	16,710.0	16,743.3	409.0	16,543.0	16,960.6	16,963.7	420.7
Employment ('000)	14,980.1	15,375.7	15,424.0	443.9	15,268.1	15,702.8	15,717.0	448.9
Unemployed ('000)	1,354.2	1,334.4	1,319.3	(34.9)	1,274.8	1,257.9	1,246.7	(28.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.3	8.0	7.9	(0.4)	7.7	7.4	7.3	(0.4)
Participation Rate (%)	65.8	66.5	66.6	0.8	66.6	67.5	67.5	0.9
Employment Rate (%)	60.3	61.2	61.3	1.0	61.5	62.5	62.5	1.0

Nova Scotia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	754.1	758.2	758.5	4.4	754.1	758.2	758.5	4.4
Labour Force ('000)	460.8	462.1	469.3	8.5	471.1	478.0	480.8	9.7
Employment ('000)	410.1	417.4	419.9	9.8	425.5	435.4	436.3	10.8
Unemployed ('000)	50.6	44.7	49.4	(1.2)	45.7	42.6	44.5	(1.2)
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.0	9.7	10.5	(0.5)	9.7	8.9	9.3	(0.4)
Participation Rate (%)	61.1	60.9	61.9	0.8	62.5	63.0	63.4	0.9
Employment Rate (%)	54.4	55.1	55.4	1.0	56.4	57.4	57.5	1.1

Newfoundland and Labrador

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	439.5	439.3	439.4	(0.1)	439.5	439.3	439.4	(0.1)
Labour Force ('000)	244.5	249.0	250.0	5.5	258.3	265.0	263.7	5.4
Employment ('000)	198.8	201.1	202.6	3.8	215.5	218.6	218.7	3.2
Unemployed ('000)	45.7	47.9	47.4	1.7	42.8	46.4	45.0	2.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	18.7	19.2	19.0	0.3	16.6	17.5	17.1	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	55.6	56.7	56.9	1.3	58.8	60.3	60.0	1.2
Employment Rate (%)	45.2	45.8	46.1	0.9	49.0	49.8	49.8	0.8

Prince Edward Island

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	111.4	112.7	112.8	1.4	111.4	112.7	112.8	1.4
Labour Force ('000)	72.5	72.7	74.0	1.5	75.6	76.5	77.2	1.6
Employment ('000)	61.5	62.1	62.3	0.8	66.3	67.8	67.2	0.9
Unemployed ('000)	11.0	10.6	11.8	0.8	9.4	8.8	9.9	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.2	14.6	15.9	0.7	12.4	11.5	12.8	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	65.1	64.5	65.6	0.5	67.9	67.9	68.4	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	55.2	55.1	55.2	-	59.5	60.2	59.6	0.1

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New Brunswick

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	606.7	608.5	608.5	1.8	606.7	608.5	608.5	1.8
Labour Force ('000)	372.9	378.1	375.0	2.1	386.7	392.2	389.7	3.0
Employment ('000)	326.8	329.6	331.4	4.6	346.8	350.2	351.4	4.6
Unemployed ('000)	46.1	48.5	43.6	(2.5)	39.9	41.9	38.3	(1.6)
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.4	12.8	11.6	(0.8)	10.3	10.7	9.8	(0.5)
Participation Rate (%)	61.5	62.1	61.6	0.1	63.7	64.5	64.0	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	53.9	54.2	54.5	0.6	57.2	57.6	57.7	0.5

Quebec

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	6,018.3	6,062.1	6,065.4	47.1	6,018.3	6,062.1	6,065.4	47.1
Labour Force ('000)	3,849.1	3,936.9	3,938.6	89.5	3,901.8	3,998.5	3,989.8	88.0
Employment ('000)	3,483.6	3,564.4	3,557.9	74.3	3,557.9	3,655.3	3,634.5	76.6
Unemployed ('000)	365.5	372.5	380.7	15.2	343.9	343.2	355.3	11.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.5	9.5	9.7	0.2	8.8	8.6	8.9	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	64.0	64.9	64.9	0.9	64.8	66.0	65.8	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	57.9	58.8	58.7	0.8	59.1	60.3	59.9	0.8

Ontario

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	9,571.1	9,721.5	9,731.7	160.6	9,571.1	9,721.5	9,731.7	160.6
Labour Force ('000)	6,399.8	6,585.2	6,594.1	194.3	6,470.9	6,664.9	6,672.8	201.9
Employment ('000)	5,914.1	6,120.1	6,134.7	220.6	6,014.0	6,219.9	6,237.0	223.0
Unemployed ('000)	485.7	465.1	459.4	(26.3)	456.9	445.0	435.8	(21.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.6	7.1	7.0	(0.6)	7.1	6.7	6.5	(0.6)
Participation Rate (%)	66.9	67.7	67.8	0.9	67.6	68.6	68.6	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	61.8	63.0	63.0	1.2	62.8	64.0	64.1	1.3

Manitoba

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	863.9	864.8	865.3	1.4	863.9	864.8	865.3	1.4
Labour Force ('000)	592.3	589.6	590.5	(1.8)	596.7	597.2	596.0	(0.7)
Employment ('000)	559.6	556.6	559.7	0.1	567.1	566.7	567.2	0.1
Unemployed ('000)	32.7	33.0	30.8	(1.9)	29.6	30.5	28.8	(0.8)
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	5.6	5.2	(0.3)	5.0	5.1	4.8	(0.2)
Participation Rate (%)	68.6	68.2	68.2	(0.4)	69.1	69.1	68.9	(0.2)
Employment Rate (%)	64.8	64.4	64.7	(0.1)	65.6	65.5	65.5	(0.1)

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Saskatchewan

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	760.2	757.1	756.7	(3.5)	760.2	757.1	756.7	(3.5)
Labour Force ('000)	496.6	508.1	506.8	10.2	504.6	518.6	516.3	11.7
Employment ('000)	465.7	475.5	477.1	11.4	475.6	487.6	487.4	11.8
Unemployed ('000)	30.9	32.6	29.7	(1.2)	28.9	31.0	28.9	-
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.2	6.4	5.9	(0.3)	5.7	6.0	5.6	(0.1)
Participation Rate (%)	65.3	67.1	67.0	1.7	66.4	68.5	68.2	1.8
Employment Rate (%)	61.3	62.8	63.1	1.8	62.6	64.4	64.4	1.8

Alberta

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	2,404.1	2,453.1	2,456.5	52.4	2,404.1	2,453.1	2,456.5	52.4
Labour Force ('000)	1,728.6	1,770.2	1,776.0	47.4	1,740.1	1,789.7	1,789.9	49.8
Employment ('000)	1,639.3	1,677.4	1,680.2	40.9	1,654.2	1,699.3	1,697.6	43.4
Unemployed ('000)	89.3	92.8	95.8	6.5	85.8	90.4	92.3	6.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	5.2	5.4	0.2	4.9	5.1	5.2	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	71.9	72.2	72.3	0.4	72.4	73.0	72.9	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	68.2	68.4	68.4	0.2	68.8	69.3	69.1	0.3

British Columbia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	3,310.9	3,347.9	3,351.0	40.1	3,310.9	3,347.9	3,351.0	40.1
Labour Force ('000)	2,117.3	2,158.1	2,169.0	51.7	2,137.1	2,180.1	2,187.6	50.5
Employment ('000)	1,920.6	1,971.3	1,998.2	77.6	1,945.3	2,002.0	2,019.7	74.4
Unemployed ('000)	196.8	186.8	170.7	(26.1)	191.8	178.1	167.9	(23.9)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.3	8.7	7.9	(1.4)	9.0	8.2	7.7	(1.3)
Participation Rate (%)	63.9	64.5	64.7	0.8	64.5	65.1	65.3	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	58.0	58.9	59.6	1.6	58.8	59.8	60.3	1.5

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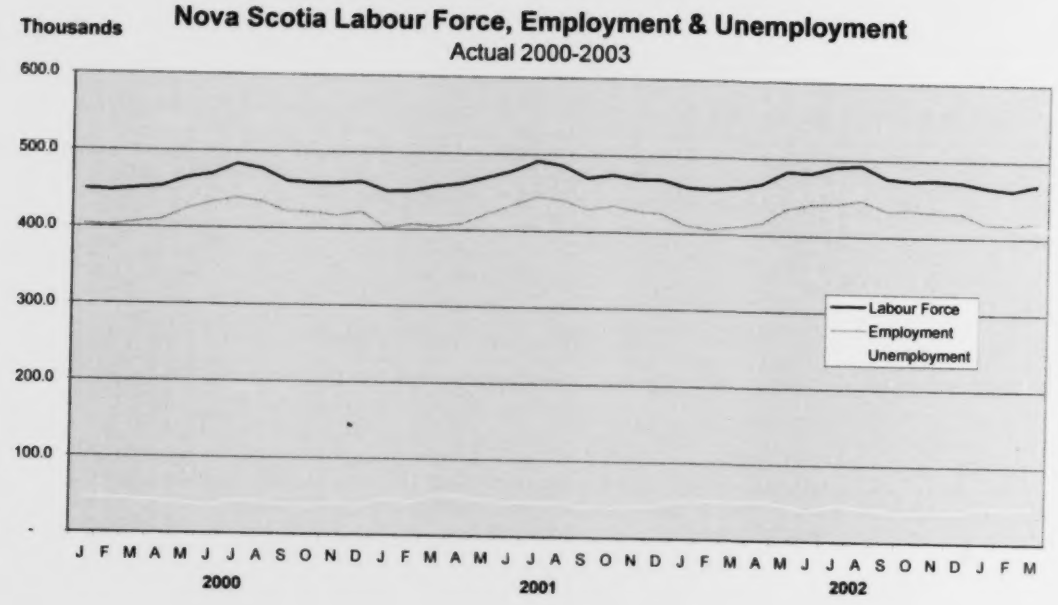

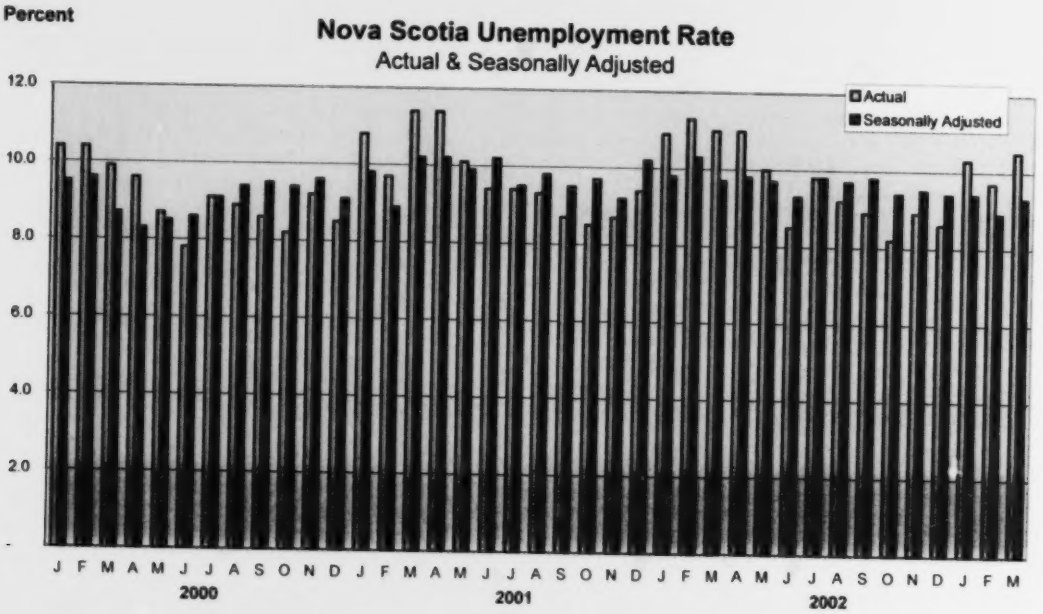

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Economic Regions/CMA
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	Canada				Nova Scotia			
	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	24,816.3	25,106.9	25,126.4	310.1	753.9	757.9	758.2	4.3
Labour Force ('000)	16,253.5	16,688.5	16,688.2	434.7	459.6	466.7	465.7	6.1
Employment ('000)	14,879.0	15,396.9	15,355.3	476.3	408.8	422.2	418.3	9.5
Unemployed ('000)	1,374.5	1,291.5	1,332.9	(41.6)	50.8	44.5	47.4	(3.4)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.5	7.7	8.0	(0.5)	11.1	9.5	10.2	(0.9)
Participation Rate (%)	65.5	66.5	66.4	0.9	61.0	61.6	61.4	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	60.0	61.3	61.1	1.1	54.2	55.7	55.2	1.0

	230 - Annapolis Valley				210 - Cape Breton			
	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	101.3	101.7	101.8	0.5	121.1	120.2	120.1	(1.0)
Labour Force ('000)	61.6	62.3	61.8	0.2	61.0	61.6	60.4	(0.6)
Employment ('000)	55.4	56.5	55.5	0.1	51.1	52.4	51.2	0.1
Unemployed ('000)	6.2	5.9	6.3	0.1	9.9	9.1	9.2	(0.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.1	9.5	10.2	0.1	16.2	14.8	15.2	(1.0)
Participation Rate (%)	60.8	61.3	60.7	(0.1)	50.4	51.2	50.3	(0.1)
Employment Rate (%)	54.7	55.6	54.5	(0.2)	42.2	43.6	42.6	0.4

	250 - Halifax County				Halifax Metro (CMA)			
	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	294.6	298.5	298.8	4.2	282.7	286.5	286.8	4.1
Labour Force ('000)	201.2	201.4	202.7	1.5	195.4	195.7	197.1	1.7
Employment ('000)	185.0	186.2	186.6	1.6	179.5	181.1	181.5	2.0
Unemployed ('000)	16.2	15.1	16.0	(0.2)	15.9	14.7	15.6	(0.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.1	7.5	7.9	(0.2)	8.1	7.5	7.9	(0.2)
Participation Rate (%)	68.3	67.5	67.8	(0.5)	69.1	68.3	68.7	(0.4)
Employment Rate (%)	62.8	62.4	62.4	(0.4)	63.5	63.2	63.3	(0.2)

	220 - North Shore				240 - Southern			
	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	132.9	133.2	133.2	0.3	103.9	104.3	104.3	0.4
Labour Force ('000)	75.9	78.8	79.1	3.2	59.9	62.7	61.7	1.8
Employment ('000)	65.8	71.2	70.7	4.9	51.5	55.9	54.4	2.9
Unemployed ('000)	10.1	7.5	8.4	(1.7)	8.4	6.8	7.4	(1.0)
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.3	9.5	10.6	(2.7)	14.0	10.8	12.0	(2.0)
Participation Rate (%)	57.1	59.2	59.4	2.3	57.7	60.1	59.2	1.5
Employment Rate (%)	49.5	53.5	53.1	3.6	49.6	53.6	52.2	2.6

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Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change
Canada	15,268.1	15,702.8	15,717.0	448.9	12,433.1	12,735.3	12,758.0	324.9	2,835.0	2,967.5	2,959.0	124.0
Newfoundland and Labrac	215.5	218.6	218.7	3.2	182.8	182.6	183.3	0.5	32.7	36.0	35.4	2.7
Prince Edward Island	66.3	67.8	67.2	0.9	55.9	57.3	56.8	0.9	10.4	10.4	10.4	-
Nova Scotia	425.5	435.4	436.3	10.8	348.4	351.6	355.6	7.2	77.1	83.8	80.7	3.6
New Brunswick	346.8	350.2	351.4	4.6	292.5	294.3	293.5	1.0	54.4	55.9	58.0	3.6
Quebec	3,557.9	3,655.3	3,634.5	76.6	2,921.6	2,993.7	2,974.1	52.5	636.3	661.5	660.4	24.1
Ontario	6,014.0	6,219.9	6,237.0	223.0	4,937.2	5,082.0	5,095.5	158.3	1,076.8	1,137.9	1,141.5	64.7
Manitoba	567.1	566.7	567.2	0.1	456.4	454.9	450.9	(5.5)	110.7	111.8	116.2	5.5
Saskatchewan	475.6	487.6	487.4	11.8	380.0	391.3	396.9	16.9	95.6	96.3	90.4	(5.2)
Alberta	1,654.2	1,699.3	1,697.6	43.4	1,350.6	1,398.3	1,388.7	38.1	303.7	301.0	308.9	5.2
British Columbia	1,945.3	2,002.0	2,019.7	74.4	1,507.6	1,528.0	1,562.4	54.8	437.7	474.0	457.3	19.6

Employment - Actual (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change
Canada	14,980.1	15,375.7	15,424.0	443.9	12,034.8	12,258.9	12,347.7	312.9	2,945.3	3,116.8	3,076.3	131.0
Newfoundland and Labrac	198.8	201.1	202.6	3.8	164.5	164.0	165.1	0.6	34.3	37.2	37.6	3.3
Prince Edward Island	61.5	62.1	62.3	0.8	49.7	50.6	50.7	1.0	11.8	11.5	11.6	(0.2)
Nova Scotia	410.1	417.4	419.9	9.8	326.9	327.3	334.6	7.7	83.2	90.1	85.3	2.1
New Brunswick	326.8	329.6	331.4	4.6	271.5	271.3	272.5	1.0	55.3	58.3	59.0	3.7
Quebec	3,483.6	3,564.4	3,557.9	74.3	2,818.3	2,851.7	2,862.7	44.4	665.2	712.8	695.2	30.0
Ontario	5,914.1	6,120.1	6,134.7	220.6	4,807.6	4,936.6	4,960.1	152.5	1,106.5	1,183.5	1,174.6	68.1
Manitoba	559.6	556.6	559.7	0.1	443.0	436.1	438.0	(5.0)	116.6	120.5	121.7	5.1
Saskatchewan	465.7	475.5	477.1	11.4	362.8	372.5	381.1	18.3	102.9	103.0	96.0	(6.9)
Alberta	1,639.3	1,677.4	1,680.2	40.9	1,315.8	1,356.3	1,348.8	33.0	323.5	321.1	331.4	7.9
British Columbia	1,920.6	1,971.3	1,998.2	77.6	1,474.6	1,492.5	1,534.1	59.5	446.0	478.8	464.1	18.1

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15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change
Canada	2,727.9	2,789.8	2,781.1	53.2	2,355.8	2,422.5	2,429.3	73.5	13.6	13.2	12.7	(0.9)
Newfoundland and Labrac	42.1	42.9	41.9	(0.2)	33.1	31.6	31.6	(1.5)	21.4	26.3	24.6	3.2
Prince Edward Island	13.2	14.0	14.3	1.1	11.0	11.9	11.7	0.7	16.7	15.0	18.2	1.5
Nova Scotia	75.8	83.3	83.7	7.9	62.8	71.6	71.5	8.7	17.2	14.0	14.6	(2.6)
New Brunswick	65.8	63.3	63.6	(2.2)	56.0	55.2	54.1	(1.9)	14.9	12.8	15.1	0.2
Quebec	641.5	646.2	648.2	6.7	551.9	554.8	555.6	3.7	14.0	14.1	14.3	0.3
Ontario	1,038.9	1,074.2	1,069.7	30.8	894.3	932.3	935.3	41.0	13.9	13.2	12.6	(1.3)
Manitoba	110.0	109.3	108.2	(1.8)	98.2	99.3	98.3	0.1	10.7	9.1	9.2	(1.5)
Saskatchewan	91.2	98.1	97.2	6.0	82.3	87.6	86.8	4.5	9.8	10.6	10.7	0.9
Alberta	316.7	317.1	318.4	1.7	283.6	286.7	288.8	5.2	10.5	9.6	9.3	(1.2)
British Columbia	332.8	341.4	335.9	3.1	282.6	291.5	295.6	13.0	15.1	14.6	12.0	(3.1)

15-24 Age Group - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change
Canada	2,558.8	2,611.2	2,611.5	52.7	2,190.8	2,245.8	2,268.3	77.5	14.4	14.0	13.1	(1.3)
Newfoundland and Labrac	35.4	36.7	35.8	0.4	27.7	26.8	27.0	(0.7)	21.5	27.0	24.6	3.1
Prince Edward Island	11.6	12.3	12.5	0.9	9.3	9.9	9.7	0.4	20.7	19.5	22.4	1.7
Nova Scotia	68.6	74.2	76.4	7.8	55.7	63.2	64.6	8.9	18.7	14.8	15.4	(3.3)
New Brunswick	58.5	56.6	56.4	(2.1)	48.4	48.2	46.3	(2.1)	17.1	14.8	17.9	0.8
Quebec	600.0	607.3	609.6	9.6	510.7	512.1	516.0	5.3	14.9	15.7	15.4	0.5
Ontario	974.5	1,004.0	1,003.1	28.6	832.4	863.5	873.7	41.3	14.6	14.0	12.9	(1.7)
Manitoba	106.2	103.0	104.0	(2.2)	93.3	92.2	93.3	-	12.1	10.5	10.3	(1.8)
Saskatchewan	84.5	90.9	89.8	5.3	75.8	80.9	80.5	4.7	10.3	11.0	10.5	0.2
Alberta	302.5	300.7	303.8	1.3	269.6	272.2	275.5	5.9	10.9	9.5	9.3	(1.6)
British Columbia	317.2	325.5	320.3	3.1	267.8	276.7	281.9	14.1	15.6	15.0	12.0	(3.6)

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Employment by Sector

Canada - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change
All industries	**16,334.3**	**16,710.0**	**16,743.3**	**409.0**	**14,980.1**	**15,375.7**	**15,424.0**	**443.9**	**8.3**	**8.0**	**7.9**	**(0.4)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**4,123.6**	**4,177.0**	**4,179.8**	**56.2**	**3,739.1**	**3,822.7**	**3,828.8**	**89.7**	**9.3**	**8.5**	**8.4**	**(0.9)**
Agriculture	318.0	344.3	345.1	27.1	296.3	314.6	319.2	22.9	6.8	8.7	7.5	0.7
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	305.6	298.4	313.9	8.3	265.6	267.4	277.5	11.9	13.1	10.4	11.6	(1.5)
Utilities	130.9	130.6	134.6	3.7	126.1	127.1	131.5	5.4	3.6	2.7	2.2	(1.4)
Construction	914.1	957.4	967.7	53.6	780.7	825.4	840.3	59.6	14.6	13.8	13.2	(1.4)
Manufacturing	2,455.0	2,446.3	2,418.6	(36.4)	2,270.4	2,288.3	2,260.2	(10.2)	7.5	6.5	6.5	(1.0)
Services-Producing Sector	**11,819.4**	**12,163.0**	**12,179.0**	**359.6**	**11,241.0**	**11,553.0**	**11,595.3**	**354.3**	**4.9**	**5.0**	**4.8**	**(0.1)**
Trade	2,540.3	2,543.6	2,535.0	(5.3)	2,397.2	2,397.2	2,404.1	6.9	5.6	5.8	5.2	(0.4)
Transportation and Warehousing	766.4	792.5	789.3	22.9	718.8	753.3	749.5	30.7	6.2	4.9	5.0	(1.2)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	898.1	960.1	951.2	53.1	877.2	933.4	923.5	46.3	2.3	2.8	2.9	0.6
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,022.9	1,050.8	1,050.9	28.0	977.6	1,002.7	1,006.7	29.1	4.4	4.6	4.2	(0.2)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	635.4	643.0	648.6	13.2	570.2	583.0	584.7	14.5	10.3	9.3	9.9	(0.4)
Educational Services	1,048.5	1,125.9	1,118.2	69.7	1,024.3	1,104.9	1,094.4	70.1	2.3	1.9	2.1	(0.2)
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,577.6	1,697.6	1,689.8	112.2	1,545.7	1,659.0	1,656.0	110.3	2.0	2.3	2.0	-
Information, Culture and Recreation	736.7	712.7	718.4	(18.3)	683.0	653.3	658.1	(24.9)	7.3	8.3	8.4	1.1
Accommodation and Food Services	1,066.8	1,087.1	1,116.1	49.3	980.2	983.0	1,022.3	42.1	8.1	9.6	8.4	0.3
Other Services	723.1	744.3	749.7	26.6	683.6	700.7	712.7	29.1	5.4	5.9	4.9	(0.5)
Public Administration	803.6	805.1	811.8	8.2	783.3	782.5	783.5	0.2	2.5	2.8	3.5	1.0
Unclassified Industries	391.3	370.1	384.5	(6.8)	-	-	-					

Nova Scotia - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change
All industries	**460.8**	**462.1**	**469.3**	**8.5**	**410.1**	**417.4**	**419.9**	**9.8**	**11.0**	**9.7**	**10.5**	**(0.5)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**101.4**	**105.6**	**107.0**	**5.6**	**83.1**	**87.8**	**89.5**	**6.4**	**17.9**	**16.9**	**16.4**	**(1.5)**
Agriculture	6.9	7.4	7.8	0.9	5.6	6.1	5.7	0.1	18.8	17.6	26.9	8.1
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	16.0	16.5	17.2	1.2	11.2	13.7	14.1	2.9	30.0	17.0	18.0	(12.0)
Utilities	2.5	2.6	2.5	-	2.4	2.2	2.4	-	-	-	-	-
Construction	28.4	27.8	28.5	0.1	22.1	20.2	21.1	(1.0)	22.2	27.7	26.0	3.8
Manufacturing	47.6	51.4	51.0	3.4	41.9	45.7	46.3	4.4	11.8	11.1	9.0	(2.8)
Services-Producing Sector	**349.3**	**348.1**	**352.3**	**3.0**	**327.0**	**329.6**	**330.4**	**3.4**	**6.4**	**5.3**	**6.2**	**(0.2)**
Trade	83.4	75.7	78.8	(4.6)	79.1	71.1	73.7	(5.4)	5.2	6.2	6.5	1.3
Transportation and Warehousing	22.8	19.0	20.2	(2.6)	21.1	18.2	18.9	(2.2)	7.5	4.2	6.4	(1.1)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	20.8	22.3	21.4	0.6	20.0	21.9	21.1	1.1	3.8	-	-	(3.8)
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	19.1	21.8	21.1	2.0	17.1	20.0	19.5	2.4	10.5	8.3	7.6	(2.9)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	23.0	22.8	24.3	1.3	20.6	21.4	20.9	0.3	10.9	6.1	13.6	2.7
Educational Services	35.3	36.0	36.6	1.3	33.3	35.6	34.4	1.1	5.4	-	6.0	0.6
Health Care and Social Assistance	50.3	55.0	53.4	3.1	49.1	53.4	51.7	2.6	2.4	3.1	3.2	0.8
Information, Culture and Recreation	17.6	15.9	16.1	(1.5)	15.8	14.6	15.2	(0.6)	10.2	8.2	5.6	(4.6)
Accommodation and Food Services	32.5	29.9	28.6	(3.9)	28.3	26.4	25.3	(3.0)	12.9	11.7	11.2	(1.7)
Other Services	21.2	24.3	24.3	3.1	20.3	22.7	23.1	2.8	4.2	6.6	4.9	0.7
Public Administration	23.4	25.3	27.6	4.2	22.3	24.4	26.4	4.1	4.3	3.6	4.3	-
Unclassified Industries	10.1	8.4	10.0	(0.1)	-	-	-					

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(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Unemployment Rate - %				Employment Rate - %				Participation Rate - %			
	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 2003	Annual Change
St. John's, Newfoundland and	8.8	10.0	10.0	1.2	60.1	61.5	61.3	1.2	65.8	68.3	68.1	2.3
Halifax	8.1	7.5	7.9	(0.2)	63.5	63.2	63.3	(0.2)	69.1	68.3	68.7	(0.4)
Saint John, New Brunswick	9.9	9.4	10.2	0.3	57.9	59.9	59.4	1.5	64.3	66.2	66.1	1.8
Saguenay	13.6	11.7	12.1	(1.5)	53.0	53.0	52.0	(1.0)	61.2	60.0	59.2	(2.0)
Québec	7.7	8.0	8.7	1.0	60.1	60.5	60.3	0.2	65.1	65.7	66.0	0.9
Trois-Rivières	12.2	9.9	9.9	(2.3)	52.1	55.3	56.4	4.3	59.3	61.3	62.6	3.3
Sherbrooke	9.4	7.7	7.8	(1.6)	58.0	60.2	60.5	2.5	64.1	65.2	65.5	1.4
Montréal	9.2	8.8	9.5	0.3	60.1	61.8	61.3	1.2	66.2	67.7	67.7	1.5
Ottawa-Gatineau	7.5	7.2	7.1	(0.4)	64.1	65.0	65.4	1.3	69.3	70.1	70.3	1.0
Sudbury	11.5	8.8	8.6	(2.9)	54.8	55.5	55.9	1.1	61.9	60.7	61.0	(0.9)
Oshawa	8.6	5.3	5.2	(3.4)	63.7	67.4	68.0	4.3	69.6	71.2	71.7	2.1
Toronto	7.1	7.0	7.2	0.1	64.5	64.7	64.5	-	69.4	69.6	69.6	0.2
Hamilton	7.4	6.1	6.2	(1.2)	60.2	63.6	63.6	3.4	65.1	67.7	67.8	2.7
St. Catharines - Niagara	8.5	8.4	7.7	(0.8)	56.6	57.5	58.1	1.5	61.9	62.8	62.9	1.0
London	7.2	6.6	6.9	(0.3)	59.4	61.5	61.5	2.1	64.0	65.8	66.1	2.1
Windsor	9.5	7.9	8.2	(1.3)	60.5	62.5	61.7	1.2	66.9	67.8	67.2	0.3
Kitchener	6.8	6.3	6.5	(0.3)	63.4	66.1	65.5	2.1	67.9	70.6	70.0	2.1
Thunder Bay	8.1	4.7	5.5	(2.6)	57.9	64.2	64.7	6.8	63.0	67.4	68.5	5.5
Winnipeg	6.0	5.5	5.8	(0.2)	66.0	66.8	66.1	0.1	70.3	70.7	70.2	(0.1)
Regina	5.7	5.8	6.4	0.7	69.3	67.5	66.7	(2.6)	73.6	71.7	71.3	(2.3)
Saskatoon	5.6	5.8	6.2	0.6	62.6	64.7	64.7	2.1	66.3	68.7	69.0	2.7
Calgary	5.1	5.3	6.0	0.9	71.6	70.5	69.8	(1.8)	75.5	74.5	74.3	(1.2)
Edmonton	5.0	5.1	5.4	0.4	66.1	67.3	67.1	1.0	69.6	71.0	70.9	1.3
Vancouver	8.4	7.6	7.4	(1.0)	59.7	61.5	61.4	1.7	65.2	66.6	66.3	1.1
Victoria	7.9	6.4	6.0	(1.9)	58.4	58.3	58.7	0.3	63.4	62.3	62.5	(0.9)

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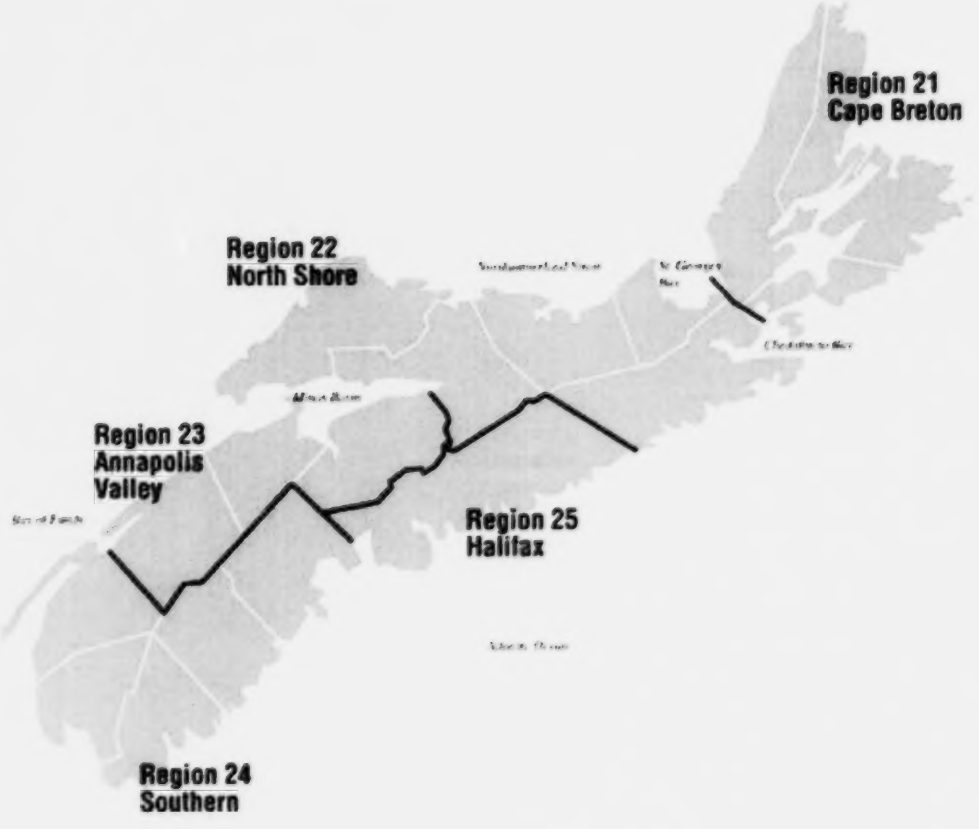

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About the Employment Situation Report

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The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

Release Dates - 2003:

Data for:	Release date:
January 2003	February 7, 2003
February 2003	March 7, 2003
March 2003	April 4, 2003
April 2003	May 9, 2003
May 2003	June 6, 2003
June 2003	July 11, 2003
July 2003	August 8, 2003
August 2003	September 5, 2003
September 2003	October 10, 2003
October 2003	November 7, 2003
November 2003	December 5, 2003
December 2003	January 9, 2004
January 2004	February 6, 2004

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Canada

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	24,875.3	25,145.9	25,178.1	302.8	24,875.3	25,145.9	25,178.1	302.8
Labour Force ('000)	16,413.6	16,743.3	16,819.2	405.6	16,569.7	16,963.7	16,978.8	409.1
Employment ('000)	15,095.1	15,424.0	15,478.7	383.6	15,305.0	15,717.0	15,698.2	393.2
Unemployed ('000)	1,318.5	1,319.3	1,340.5	22.0	1,264.7	1,246.7	1,280.6	15.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.0	7.9	8.0	-	7.6	7.3	7.5	(0.1)
Participation Rate (%)	66.0	66.6	66.8	0.8	66.6	67.5	67.4	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	60.7	61.3	61.5	0.8	61.5	62.5	62.3	0.8

Nova Scotia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	754.4	758.5	759.0	4.6	754.4	758.5	759.0	4.6
Labour Force ('000)	467.0	469.3	473.0	6.0	473.7	480.8	480.2	6.5
Employment ('000)	415.5	419.9	427.2	11.7	427.4	436.3	439.0	11.6
Unemployed ('000)	51.5	49.4	45.8	(5.7)	46.3	44.5	41.2	(5.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.0	10.5	9.7	(1.3)	9.8	9.3	8.6	(1.2)
Participation Rate (%)	61.9	61.9	62.3	0.4	62.8	63.4	63.3	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	55.1	55.4	56.3	1.2	56.7	57.5	57.8	1.1

Newfoundland and Labrador

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	439.2	439.4	439.4	0.2	439.2	439.4	439.4	0.2
Labour Force ('000)	248.5	250.0	254.9	6.4	257.3	263.7	263.4	6.1
Employment ('000)	204.7	202.6	205.1	0.4	217.4	218.7	217.8	0.4
Unemployed ('000)	43.9	47.4	49.8	5.9	39.8	45.0	45.6	5.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	17.7	19.0	19.5	1.8	15.5	17.1	17.3	1.8
Participation Rate (%)	56.6	56.9	58.0	1.4	58.6	60.0	59.9	1.3
Employment Rate (%)	46.6	46.1	46.7	0.1	49.5	49.8	49.6	0.1

Prince Edward Island

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	111.5	112.8	113.0	1.5	111.5	112.8	113.0	1.5
Labour Force ('000)	75.0	74.0	75.9	0.9	76.8	77.2	77.3	0.5
Employment ('000)	64.0	62.3	63.3	(0.7)	68.1	67.2	67.4	(0.7)
Unemployed ('000)	11.0	11.8	12.7	1.7	8.7	9.9	9.8	1.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.7	15.9	16.7	2.0	11.3	12.8	12.7	1.4
Participation Rate (%)	67.3	65.6	67.2	(0.1)	68.9	68.4	68.4	(0.5)
Employment Rate (%)	57.4	55.2	56.0	(1.4)	61.1	59.6	59.6	(1.5)

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New Brunswick

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	606.8	608.5	608.6	1.8	606.8	608.5	608.6	1.8
Labour Force ('000)	378.1	375.0	377.5	(0.6)	385.4	389.7	385.8	0.4
Employment ('000)	331.3	331.4	330.4	(0.9)	346.6	351.4	346.1	(0.5)
Unemployed ('000)	46.8	43.6	47.1	0.3	38.8	38.3	39.8	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.4	11.6	12.5	0.1	10.1	9.8	10.3	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	62.3	61.6	62.0	(0.3)	63.5	64.0	63.4	(0.1)
Employment Rate (%)	54.6	54.5	54.3	(0.3)	57.1	57.7	56.9	(0.2)

Quebec

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	6,024.0	6,065.4	6,070.9	46.9	6,024.0	6,065.4	6,070.9	46.9
Labour Force ('000)	3,892.3	3,938.6	3,983.7	91.4	3,919.8	3,989.8	4,010.1	90.3
Employment ('000)	3,534.7	3,557.9	3,595.5	60.8	3,584.6	3,634.5	3,646.8	62.2
Unemployed ('000)	357.6	380.7	388.2	30.6	335.2	355.3	363.4	28.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.2	9.7	9.7	0.5	8.6	8.9	9.1	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	64.6	64.9	65.6	1.0	65.1	65.8	66.1	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	58.7	58.7	59.2	0.5	59.5	59.9	60.1	0.6

Ontario

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	9,589.4	9,731.7	9,747.5	158.1	9,589.4	9,731.7	9,747.5	158.1
Labour Force ('000)	6,404.7	6,594.1	6,591.1	186.4	6,471.2	6,672.8	6,661.3	190.1
Employment ('000)	5,953.9	6,134.7	6,142.9	189.0	6,014.1	6,237.0	6,210.5	196.4
Unemployed ('000)	450.8	459.4	448.2	(2.6)	457.1	435.8	450.8	(6.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.0	7.0	6.8	(0.2)	7.1	6.5	6.8	(0.3)
Participation Rate (%)	66.8	67.8	67.6	0.8	67.5	68.6	68.3	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	62.1	63.0	63.0	0.9	62.7	64.1	63.7	1.0

Manitoba

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	864.1	865.3	866.2	2.1	864.1	865.3	866.2	2.1
Labour Force ('000)	592.1	590.5	592.8	0.7	595.0	596.0	596.2	1.2
Employment ('000)	557.0	559.7	564.4	7.4	563.1	567.2	570.3	7.2
Unemployed ('000)	35.2	30.8	28.5	(6.7)	32.0	28.8	25.9	(6.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	5.2	4.8	(1.1)	5.4	4.8	4.3	(1.1)
Participation Rate (%)	68.5	68.2	68.4	(0.1)	68.9	68.9	68.8	(0.1)
Employment Rate (%)	64.5	64.7	65.2	0.7	65.2	65.5	65.8	0.6

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Saskatchewan

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	760.0	756.7	756.3	(3.7)	760.0	756.7	756.3	(3.7)
Labour Force ('000)	497.2	506.8	508.2	11.0	503.5	516.3	515.2	11.7
Employment ('000)	464.3	477.1	477.2	12.9	474.0	487.4	487.3	13.3
Unemployed ('000)	32.9	29.7	31.0	(1.9)	29.5	28.9	27.9	(1.6)
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.6	5.9	6.1	(0.5)	5.9	5.6	5.4	(0.5)
Participation Rate (%)	65.4	67.0	67.2	1.8	66.3	68.2	68.1	1.8
Employment Rate (%)	61.1	63.1	63.1	2.0	62.4	64.4	64.4	2.0

Alberta

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	2,409.6	2,456.5	2,461.6	52.0	2,409.6	2,456.5	2,461.6	52.0
Labour Force ('000)	1,729.4	1,776.0	1,786.7	57.3	1,744.0	1,789.9	1,799.8	55.8
Employment ('000)	1,631.6	1,680.2	1,678.9	47.3	1,652.7	1,697.6	1,700.7	48.0
Unemployed ('000)	97.8	95.8	107.8	10.0	91.3	92.3	99.0	7.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	5.4	6.0	0.3	5.2	5.2	5.5	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	71.8	72.3	72.6	0.8	72.4	72.9	73.1	0.7
Employment Rate (%)	67.7	68.4	68.2	0.5	68.6	69.1	69.1	0.5

British Columbia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	3,316.4	3,351.0	3,355.7	39.3	3,316.4	3,351.0	3,355.7	39.3
Labour Force ('000)	2,129.1	2,169.0	2,175.4	46.3	2,143.1	2,187.6	2,189.5	46.4
Employment ('000)	1,938.1	1,998.2	1,993.9	55.8	1,957.2	2,019.7	2,012.3	55.1
Unemployed ('000)	191.0	170.7	181.5	(9.5)	186.0	167.9	177.2	(8.8)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.0	7.9	8.3	(0.7)	8.7	7.7	8.1	(0.6)
Participation Rate (%)	64.2	64.7	64.8	0.6	64.6	65.3	65.2	0.6
Employment Rate (%)	58.4	59.6	59.4	1.0	59.0	60.3	60.0	1.0

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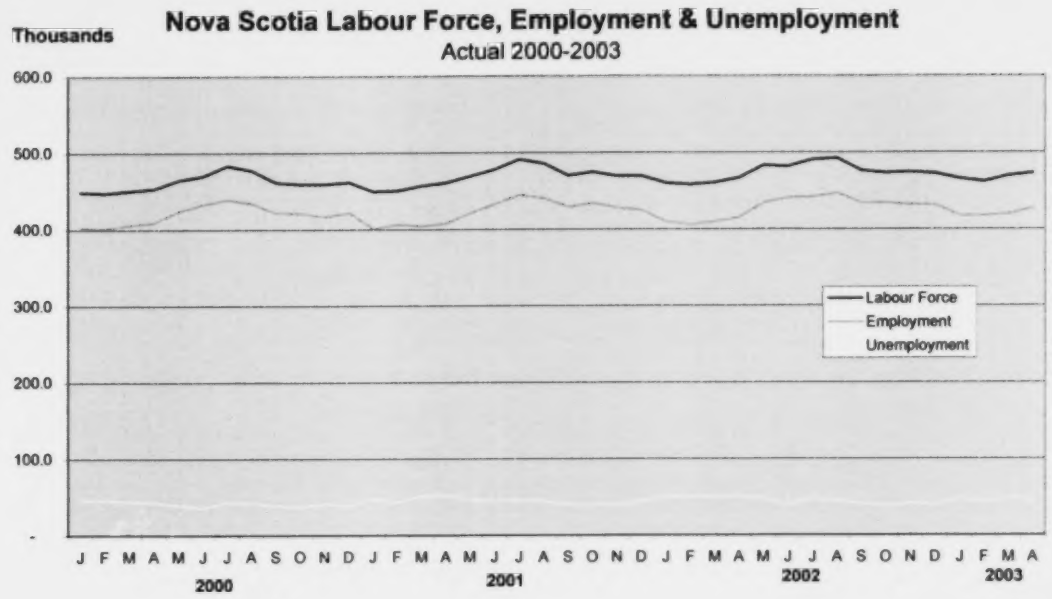

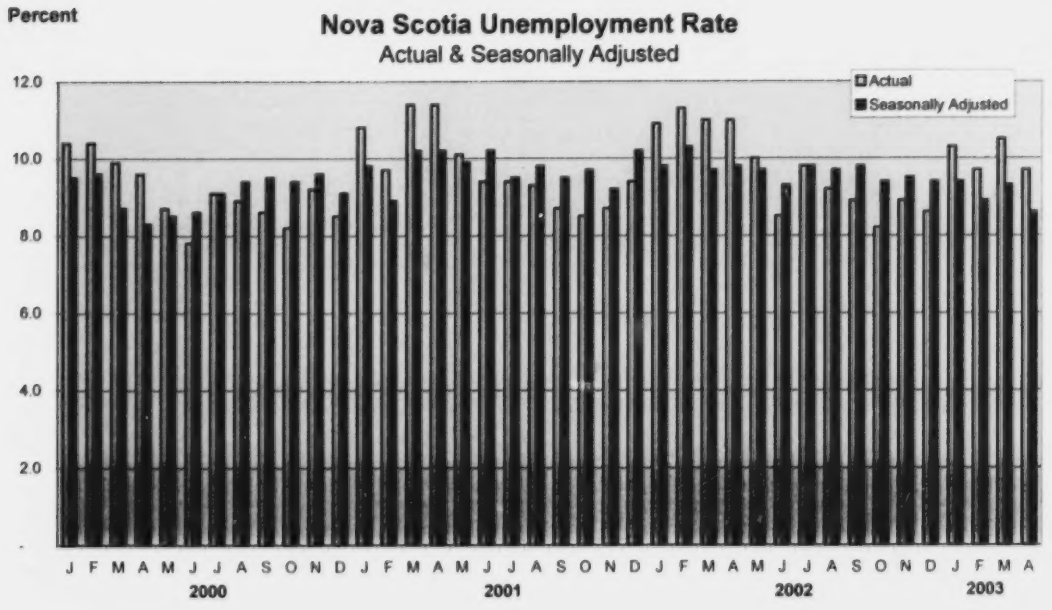

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(unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Canada				Nova Scotia			
	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	24,843.6	25,126.4	25,149.7	306.1	754.1	758.2	758.6	4.5
Labour Force ('000)	16,325.6	16,688.2	16,757.5	431.9	461.9	465.7	468.2	6.3
Employment ('000)	14,978.5	15,355.3	15,426.1	447.6	410.7	418.3	421.5	10.8
Unemployed ('000)	1,347.2	1,332.9	1,331.4	(15.8)	51.3	47.4	46.7	(4.6)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.3	8.0	7.9	(0.4)	11.1	10.2	10.0	(1.1)
Participation Rate (%)	65.7	66.4	66.6	0.9	61.3	61.4	61.7	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	60.3	61.1	61.3	1.0	54.5	55.2	55.6	1.1

	230 - Annapolis Valley				210 - Cape Breton			
	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	101.3	101.8	101.9	0.6	121.0	120.1	120.0	(1.0)
Labour Force ('000)	62.3	61.8	62.1	(0.2)	62.0	60.4	60.9	(1.1)
Employment ('000)	55.6	55.5	55.9	0.3	52.1	51.2	51.2	(0.9)
Unemployed ('000)	6.7	6.3	6.1	(0.6)	10.0	9.2	9.7	(0.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.8	10.2	9.8	(1.0)	16.1	15.2	15.9	(0.2)
Participation Rate (%)	61.5	60.7	60.9	(0.6)	51.2	50.3	50.8	(0.4)
Employment Rate (%)	54.9	54.5	54.9	-	43.1	42.6	42.7	(0.4)

	250 - Halifax County				Halifax Metro (CMA)			
	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	294.9	298.8	299.2	4.3	283.0	286.8	287.2	4.2
Labour Force ('000)	200.2	202.7	202.4	2.2	194.5	197.1	196.9	2.4
Employment ('000)	184.6	186.6	187.5	2.9	179.2	181.5	182.3	3.1
Unemployed ('000)	15.7	16.0	15.0	(0.7)	15.3	15.6	14.6	(0.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.8	7.9	7.4	(0.4)	7.9	7.9	7.4	(0.5)
Participation Rate (%)	67.9	67.8	67.6	(0.3)	68.7	68.7	68.6	(0.1)
Employment Rate (%)	62.6	62.4	62.7	0.1	63.3	63.3	63.5	0.2

	220 - North Shore				240 - Southern			
	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	133.0	133.2	133.2	0.2	103.9	104.3	104.3	0.4
Labour Force ('000)	75.9	79.1	79.8	3.9	61.4	61.7	62.9	1.5
Employment ('000)	65.6	70.7	71.5	5.9	52.8	54.4	55.3	2.5
Unemployed ('000)	10.3	8.4	8.3	(2.0)	8.6	7.4	7.5	(1.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.6	10.6	10.4	(3.2)	14.0	12.0	11.9	(2.1)
Participation Rate (%)	57.1	59.4	59.9	2.8	59.1	59.2	60.3	1.2
Employment Rate (%)	49.3	53.1	53.7	4.4	50.8	52.2	53.0	2.2

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Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change
Canada	15,305.0	15,717.0	15,698.2	393.2	12,473.4	12,758.0	12,768.7	295.3	2,831.6	2,959.0	2,929.6	98.0
Newfoundland and Labrac	217.4	218.7	217.8	0.4	184.0	183.3	180.9	(3.1)	33.5	35.4	36.9	3.4
Prince Edward Island	68.1	67.2	67.4	(0.7)	57.9	56.8	57.0	(0.9)	10.2	10.4	10.5	0.3
Nova Scotia	427.4	436.3	439.0	11.6	348.9	355.6	356.9	8.0	78.5	80.7	82.2	3.7
New Brunswick	346.6	351.4	346.1	(0.5)	294.6	293.5	292.5	(2.1)	52.0	58.0	53.6	1.6
Quebec	3,584.6	3,634.5	3,646.8	62.2	2,940.2	2,974.1	2,981.1	40.9	644.4	660.4	665.7	21.3
Ontario	6,014.1	6,237.0	6,210.5	196.4	4,944.2	5,095.5	5,081.9	137.7	1,069.9	1,141.5	1,128.7	58.8
Manitoba	563.1	567.2	570.3	7.2	452.0	450.9	456.2	4.2	111.0	116.2	114.1	3.1
Saskatchewan	474.0	487.4	487.3	13.3	379.2	396.9	391.7	12.5	94.7	90.4	95.6	0.9
Alberta	1,652.7	1,697.6	1,700.7	48.0	1,354.1	1,388.7	1,404.4	50.3	298.5	308.9	296.3	(2.2)
British Columbia	1,957.2	2,019.7	2,012.3	55.1	1,518.1	1,562.4	1,566.4	48.3	439.1	457.3	445.9	6.8

Employment - Actual (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change
Canada	15,095.1	15,424.0	15,478.7	383.6	12,185.4	12,347.7	12,479.9	294.5	2,909.7	3,076.3	2,998.8	89.1
Newfoundland and Labrac	204.7	202.6	205.1	0.4	170.8	165.1	167.7	(3.1)	33.8	37.6	37.4	3.6
Prince Edward Island	64.0	62.3	63.3	(0.7)	53.1	50.7	52.2	(0.9)	11.0	11.6	11.1	0.1
Nova Scotia	415.5	419.9	427.2	11.7	336.2	334.6	344.6	8.4	79.3	85.3	82.6	3.3
New Brunswick	331.3	331.4	330.4	(0.9)	277.3	272.5	275.3	(2.0)	54.0	59.0	55.1	1.1
Quebec	3,534.7	3,557.9	3,595.5	60.8	2,867.4	2,862.7	2,905.3	37.9	667.3	695.2	690.2	22.9
Ontario	5,953.9	6,134.7	6,142.9	189.0	4,862.3	4,960.1	4,997.9	135.6	1,091.6	1,174.6	1,145.0	53.4
Manitoba	557.0	559.7	564.4	7.4	441.9	438.0	446.4	4.5	115.1	121.7	117.9	2.8
Saskatchewan	464.3	477.1	477.2	12.9	367.5	381.1	379.5	12.0	96.8	96.0	97.7	0.9
Alberta	1,631.6	1,680.2	1,678.9	47.3	1,318.2	1,348.8	1,367.7	49.5	313.4	331.4	311.2	(2.2)
British Columbia	1,938.1	1,998.2	1,993.9	55.8	1,490.8	1,534.1	1,543.3	52.5	447.3	464.1	450.6	3.3

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15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change
Canada	2,717.2	2,781.1	2,781.8	64.6	2,354.0	2,429.3	2,409.3	55.3	13.4	12.7	13.4	-
Newfoundland and Labrac	39.9	41.9	42.1	2.2	31.0	31.6	31.3	0.3	22.3	24.6	25.7	3.4
Prince Edward Island	14.0	14.3	14.2	0.2	11.6	11.7	11.8	0.2	16.4	18.2	16.2	(0.2)
Nova Scotia	78.3	83.7	82.6	4.3	64.8	71.5	70.8	6.0	17.2	14.6	14.2	(3.0)
New Brunswick	65.2	63.6	63.7	(1.5)	55.0	54.1	52.9	(2.1)	15.8	15.1	17.0	1.2
Quebec	644.9	648.2	642.2	(2.7)	559.9	555.6	553.3	(6.6)	13.2	14.3	13.9	0.7
Ontario	1,029.6	1,069.7	1,065.0	35.4	884.0	935.3	915.6	31.6	14.1	12.6	14.0	(0.1)
Manitoba	108.7	108.2	107.1	(1.6)	97.0	98.3	98.1	1.1	10.7	9.2	8.4	(2.3)
Saskatchewan	91.2	97.2	95.9	4.7	81.2	86.8	87.1	5.9	11.0	10.7	9.2	(1.8)
Alberta	314.0	318.4	327.4	13.4	283.5	288.8	295.5	12.0	9.7	9.3	9.7	-
British Columbia	331.6	335.9	341.5	9.9	286.0	295.6	292.8	6.8	13.8	12.0	14.3	0.5

15-24 Age Group - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change
Canada	2,562.6	2,611.5	2,624.9	62.3	2,203.7	2,268.3	2,252.7	49.0	14.0	13.1	14.2	0.2
Newfoundland and Labrac	34.6	35.8	37.0	2.4	26.8	27.0	27.1	0.3	22.5	24.6	26.5	4.0
Prince Edward Island	12.6	12.5	12.7	0.1	10.0	9.7	10.1	0.1	20.6	22.4	20.5	(0.1)
Nova Scotia	72.9	76.4	76.7	3.8	58.4	64.6	64.3	5.9	19.9	15.4	16.2	(3.7)
New Brunswick	59.5	56.4	57.9	(1.6)	49.2	46.3	46.5	(2.7)	17.5	17.9	19.5	2.0
Quebec	609.2	609.6	605.4	(3.8)	526.1	516.0	517.9	(8.2)	13.6	15.4	14.4	0.8
Ontario	965.4	1,003.1	1,000.0	34.6	823.7	873.7	850.4	26.7	14.7	12.9	15.0	0.3
Manitoba	104.5	104.0	102.4	(2.1)	92.1	93.3	92.8	0.7	11.9	10.3	9.4	(2.5)
Saskatchewan	85.0	89.8	89.0	4.0	74.4	80.5	79.8	5.4	12.5	10.5	10.3	(2.2)
Alberta	298.2	303.8	313.3	15.1	267.2	275.5	281.0	13.8	10.4	9.3	10.3	(0.1)
British Columbia	320.7	320.3	330.7	10.0	275.8	281.9	282.7	6.9	14.0	12.0	14.5	0.5

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Employment by Sector

Canada - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change
All industries	**16,413.6**	**16,743.3**	**16,819.2**	**405.6**	**15,096.1**	**15,424.0**	**15,478.7**	**383.6**	**8.0**	**7.9**	**8.0**	**-**
Goods-Producing Sector	**4,142.4**	**4,179.8**	**4,206.0**	**63.6**	**3,775.3**	**3,828.8**	**3,856.4**	**81.1**	**8.9**	**8.4**	**8.3**	**(0.6)**
Agriculture	334.3	345.1	354.1	19.8	311.9	319.2	329.9	18.0	6.7	7.5	6.8	0.1
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	304.8	313.9	309.0	4.2	248.3	277.5	260.1	11.8	18.5	11.6	15.8	(2.7)
Utilities	130.4	134.6	136.4	6.0	126.8	131.5	132.4	5.6	2.8	2.2	2.9	0.1
Construction	931.0	967.7	977.2	46.2	815.6	840.3	863.0	47.4	12.4	13.2	11.7	(0.7)
Manufacturing	2,441.9	2,418.6	2,429.3	(12.6)	2,272.7	2,260.2	2,271.0	(1.7)	6.9	6.5	6.5	(0.4)
Services-Producing Sector	**11,882.6**	**12,179.0**	**12,229.7**	**347.1**	**11,319.8**	**11,595.3**	**11,622.3**	**302.5**	**4.7**	**4.8**	**5.0**	**0.3**
Trade	2,550.9	2,535.0	2,565.8	14.9	2,423.4	2,404.1	2,432.3	8.9	5.0	5.2	5.2	0.2
Transportation and Warehousing	775.2	789.3	788.0	12.8	733.7	749.5	749.2	15.5	5.4	5.0	4.9	(0.5)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	904.1	951.2	966.2	62.1	879.9	923.5	939.2	59.3	2.7	2.9	2.8	0.1
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,028.9	1,050.9	1,046.5	17.6	978.7	1,006.7	999.2	20.5	4.9	4.2	4.5	(0.4)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	638.8	648.6	669.9	31.1	576.3	584.7	596.0	19.7	9.8	9.9	11.0	1.2
Educational Services	1,054.9	1,118.2	1,112.6	57.7	1,031.1	1,094.4	1,087.5	56.4	2.3	2.1	2.3	-
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,606.1	1,689.8	1,673.4	67.3	1,574.8	1,656.0	1,639.9	65.1	1.9	2.0	2.0	0.1
Information, Culture and Recreation	745.2	718.4	719.6	(25.6)	691.2	658.1	656.6	(34.6)	7.2	8.4	8.8	1.6
Accommodation and Food Services	1,076.3	1,116.1	1,113.6	37.3	987.6	1,022.3	1,008.9	21.3	8.2	8.4	9.4	1.2
Other Services	721.7	749.7	748.0	26.3	685.1	712.7	713.7	28.6	5.1	4.9	4.6	(0.5)
Public Administration	780.5	811.8	826.0	45.5	757.9	783.5	799.6	41.7	2.9	3.5	3.2	0.3
Unclassified Industries	388.5	384.5	383.5	(5.0)	-	-	-					

Nova Scotia - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change
All industries	**467.0**	**469.3**	**473.0**	**6.0**	**415.5**	**419.9**	**427.2**	**11.7**	**11.0**	**10.5**	**9.7**	**(1.3)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**104.5**	**107.0**	**110.2**	**5.7**	**87.8**	**89.5**	**95.4**	**7.6**	**16.0**	**16.4**	**13.4**	**(2.6)**
Agriculture	6.8	7.8	8.2	1.4	5.5	5.7	6.5	1.0	19.1	26.9	20.7	1.6
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	17.0	17.2	18.4	1.4	12.8	14.1	15.2	2.4	24.7	18.0	17.4	(7.3)
Utilities	3.0	2.5	3.3	0.3	2.5	2.4	3.0	0.5	16.7	-	-	(16.7)
Construction	29.1	28.5	27.5	(1.6)	23.6	21.1	23.4	(0.2)	18.9	26.0	14.9	(4.0)
Manufacturing	48.6	51.0	52.8	4.2	43.3	46.3	47.2	3.9	10.9	9.0	10.4	(0.5)
Services-Producing Sector	**351.4**	**352.3**	**352.6**	**1.2**	**327.7**	**330.4**	**331.9**	**4.2**	**6.7**	**6.2**	**5.9**	**(0.8)**
Trade	81.1	78.8	78.7	(2.4)	76.4	73.7	73.8	(2.6)	5.8	6.5	6.2	0.4
Transportation and Warehousing	22.4	20.2	19.5	(2.9)	20.2	18.9	17.9	(2.3)	9.4	6.4	8.2	(1.2)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	21.0	21.4	22.5	1.5	20.6	21.1	22.1	1.5	-	-	-	-
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	21.4	21.1	18.6	(2.8)	19.5	19.5	17.6	(1.9)	8.9	7.6	4.8	(4.1)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	23.1	24.3	24.2	1.1	19.7	20.9	21.5	1.8	14.7	13.6	11.2	(3.5)
Educational Services	33.8	36.6	36.8	3.0	33.1	34.4	36.2	4.1	5.0	6.0	1.9	(3.1)
Health Care and Social Assistance	50.6	53.4	54.5	3.9	49.3	51.7	52.6	3.3	2.6	3.2	3.5	0.9
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.4	16.1	16.3	(3.1)	17.4	15.2	14.8	(2.6)	10.3	5.6	9.2	(1.1)
Accommodation and Food Services	33.9	28.6	30.8	(3.1)	30.6	25.3	26.9	(3.7)	9.4	11.2	12.7	3.3
Other Services	21.2	24.3	23.5	2.3	20.1	23.1	22.3	2.2	5.7	4.9	4.7	(1.0)
Public Administration	23.5	27.6	27.2	3.7	21.8	26.4	26.2	4.4	7.2	4.3	3.7	(3.5)
Unclassified Industries	11.1	10.0	10.3	(0.8)	-	-	-					

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(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Unemployment Rate - %				Employment Rate - %				Participation Rate - %			
	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change	Apr 2002	Mar 2003	Apr 2003	Annual Change
St. John's, Newfoundland and	8.2	10.0	9.3	1.1	60.9	61.3	62.3	1.4	66.3	68.1	68.6	2.3
Halifax	7.9	7.9	7.4	(0.5)	63.3	63.3	63.5	0.2	68.7	68.7	68.6	(0.1)
Saint John, New Brunswick	9.6	10.2	10.6	1.0	58.9	59.4	58.6	(0.3)	65.1	66.1	65.6	0.5
Saguenay	13.7	12.1	12.8	(0.9)	52.6	52.0	52.1	(0.5)	60.9	59.2	59.8	(1.1)
Québec	7.0	8.7	8.3	1.3	61.2	60.3	61.3	0.1	65.9	66.0	66.8	0.9
Trois-Rivières	12.0	9.9	10.2	(1.8)	52.9	56.4	56.3	3.4	59.9	62.6	62.8	2.9
Sherbrooke	8.8	7.8	7.3	(1.5)	58.2	60.5	60.3	2.1	63.8	65.5	65.1	1.3
Montréal	9.1	9.5	9.7	0.6	60.7	61.3	61.1	0.4	66.7	67.7	67.7	1.0
Ottawa-Gatineau	7.2	7.1	6.5	(0.7)	63.7	65.4	66.1	2.4	68.6	70.3	70.8	2.2
Sudbury	10.7	8.6	8.0	(2.7)	55.1	55.9	57.2	2.1	61.7	61.0	62.1	0.4
Oshawa	7.9	5.2	5.2	(2.7)	63.6	68.0	68.6	5.0	69.1	71.7	72.3	3.2
Toronto	7.0	7.2	7.3	0.3	64.4	64.5	64.6	0.2	69.3	69.6	69.7	0.4
Hamilton	7.5	6.2	5.6	(1.9)	60.6	63.6	63.3	2.7	65.5	67.8	67.0	1.5
St. Catharines - Niagara	8.3	7.7	7.2	(1.1)	56.9	58.1	58.2	1.3	62.2	62.9	62.8	0.6
London	7.6	6.9	7.1	(0.5)	59.1	61.5	61.6	2.5	63.9	66.1	66.3	2.4
Windsor	8.5	8.2	8.3	(0.2)	61.2	61.7	61.4	0.2	66.9	67.2	66.9	-
Kitchener	6.0	6.5	6.4	0.4	63.7	65.5	65.5	1.8	67.7	70.0	70.0	2.3
Thunder Bay	7.8	5.5	6.1	(1.7)	57.8	64.7	63.9	6.1	62.8	68.5	68.1	5.3
Winnipeg	6.0	5.8	5.5	(0.5)	65.9	66.1	66.3	0.4	70.1	70.2	70.2	0.1
Regina	5.4	6.4	5.8	0.4	68.9	66.7	66.7	(2.2)	72.9	71.3	70.8	(2.1)
Saskatoon	6.2	6.2	6.2	-	62.8	64.7	65.0	2.2	67.0	69.0	69.2	2.2
Calgary	5.5	6.0	5.8	0.3	71.4	69.8	70.0	(1.4)	75.6	74.3	74.3	(1.3)
Edmonton	5.3	5.4	5.5	0.2	66.1	67.1	67.2	1.1	69.8	70.9	71.1	1.3
Vancouver	8.2	7.4	7.3	(0.9)	60.0	61.4	61.7	1.7	65.3	66.3	66.5	1.2
Victoria	7.6	6.0	5.8	(1.8)	58.4	58.7	58.9	0.5	63.1	62.5	62.4	(0.7)

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About the Employment Situation Report

Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at: http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm

The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

Release Dates - 2003:

Data for:	**Release date:**
January 2003	February 7, 2003
February 2003	March 7, 2003
March 2003	April 4, 2003
April 2003	May 9, 2003
May 2003	June 6, 2003
June 2003	July 11, 2003
July 2003	August 8, 2003
August 2003	September 5, 2003
September 2003	October 10, 2003
October 2003	November 7, 2003
November 2003	December 5, 2003
December 2003	January 9, 2004
January 2004	February 6, 2004

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Canada

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	24,904.0	25,178.1	25,206.3	302.3	24,904.0	25,178.1	25,206.3	302.3
Labour Force ('000)	16,785.4	16,819.2	17,178.2	392.8	16,625.3	16,978.8	17,020.1	394.8
Employment ('000)	15,469.0	15,478.7	15,799.6	330.6	15,338.4	15,698.2	15,685.1	346.7
Unemployed ('000)	1,316.4	1,340.5	1,378.6	62.2	1,286.8	1,280.6	1,335.0	48.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.8	8.0	8.0	0.2	7.7	7.5	7.8	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	67.4	66.8	68.2	0.8	66.8	67.4	67.5	0.7
Employment Rate (%)	62.1	61.5	62.7	0.6	61.6	62.3	62.2	0.6

Nova Scotia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	754.7	759.0	759.4	4.7	754.7	759.0	759.4	4.7
Labour Force ('000)	483.0	473.0	485.7	2.7	477.2	480.2	479.3	2.1
Employment ('000)	434.9	427.2	440.9	6.0	430.7	439.0	436.6	5.9
Unemployed ('000)	48.1	45.8	44.8	(3.3)	46.5	41.2	42.8	(3.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.0	9.7	9.2	(0.8)	9.7	8.6	8.9	(0.8)
Participation Rate (%)	64.0	62.3	64.0	-	63.2	63.3	63.1	(0.1)
Employment Rate (%)	57.6	56.3	58.1	0.5	57.1	57.8	57.5	0.4

Newfoundland and Labrador

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	438.9	439.4	439.2	0.3	438.9	439.4	439.2	0.3
Labour Force ('000)	265.9	254.9	267.7	1.8	257.7	263.4	261.4	3.7
Employment ('000)	216.5	205.1	220.5	4.0	214.4	217.8	218.4	4.0
Unemployed ('000)	49.3	49.8	47.2	(2.1)	43.3	45.6	43.0	(0.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	18.5	19.5	17.6	(0.9)	16.8	17.3	16.4	(0.4)
Participation Rate (%)	60.6	58.0	61.0	0.4	58.7	59.9	59.5	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	49.3	46.7	50.2	0.9	48.8	49.6	49.7	0.9

Prince Edward Island

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	111.6	113.0	113.2	1.6	111.6	113.0	113.2	1.6
Labour Force ('000)	77.9	75.9	79.6	1.7	75.2	77.3	77.2	2.0
Employment ('000)	70.2	63.3	71.4	1.2	66.6	67.4	67.8	1.2
Unemployed ('000)	7.6	12.7	8.2	0.6	8.6	9.8	9.4	0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.8	16.7	10.3	0.5	11.4	12.7	12.2	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	69.8	67.2	70.3	0.5	67.4	68.4	68.2	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	62.9	56.0	63.1	0.2	59.7	59.6	59.9	0.2

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New Brunswick

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	606.9	608.6	609.0	2.1	606.9	608.6	609.0	2.1
Labour Force ('000)	390.1	377.5	390.4	0.3	383.3	385.8	383.4	0.1
Employment ('000)	349.2	330.4	338.9	(10.3)	345.9	346.1	337.5	(8.4)
Unemployed ('000)	40.9	47.1	51.5	10.6	37.4	39.8	45.9	8.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.5	12.5	13.2	2.7	9.8	10.3	12.0	2.2
Participation Rate (%)	64.3	62.0	64.1	(0.2)	63.2	63.4	63.0	(0.2)
Employment Rate (%)	57.5	54.3	55.6	(1.9)	57.0	56.9	55.4	(1.6)

Quebec

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	6,028.5	6,070.9	6,075.1	46.6	6,028.5	6,070.9	6,075.1	46.6
Labour Force ('000)	3,963.3	3,983.7	4,042.8	79.5	3,932.2	4,010.1	4,010.3	78.1
Employment ('000)	3,634.6	3,595.5	3,663.6	29.0	3,604.1	3,646.8	3,637.5	33.4
Unemployed ('000)	328.7	388.2	379.2	50.5	328.1	363.4	372.8	44.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.3	9.7	9.4	1.1	8.3	9.1	9.3	1.0
Participation Rate (%)	65.7	65.6	66.5	0.8	65.2	66.1	66.0	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	60.3	59.2	60.3	-	59.8	60.1	59.9	0.1

Ontario

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	9,605.2	9,747.5	9,762.1	156.9	9,605.2	9,747.5	9,762.1	156.9
Labour Force ('000)	6,548.5	6,591.1	6,748.1	199.6	6,484.6	6,661.3	6,685.0	200.4
Employment ('000)	6,076.7	6,142.9	6,251.3	174.6	6,030.6	6,210.5	6,209.6	179.0
Unemployed ('000)	471.8	448.2	496.8	25.0	454.1	450.8	475.4	21.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.2	6.8	7.4	0.2	7.0	6.8	7.1	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	68.2	67.6	69.1	0.9	67.5	68.3	68.5	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	63.3	63.0	64.0	0.7	62.8	63.7	63.6	0.8

Manitoba

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	864.3	866.2	866.8	2.5	864.3	866.2	866.8	2.5
Labour Force ('000)	598.1	592.8	602.4	4.3	595.3	596.2	598.9	3.6
Employment ('000)	568.9	564.4	577.3	8.4	564.0	570.3	572.0	8.0
Unemployed ('000)	29.2	28.5	25.1	(4.1)	31.3	25.9	26.9	(4.4)
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	4.8	4.2	(0.7)	5.3	4.3	4.5	(0.8)
Participation Rate (%)	69.2	68.4	69.5	0.3	68.9	68.8	69.1	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	65.8	65.2	66.6	0.8	65.3	65.8	66.0	0.7

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Saskatchewan

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	759.8	756.3	755.9	(3.9)	759.8	756.3	755.9	(3.9)
Labour Force ('000)	518.0	508.2	524.1	6.1	509.5	515.2	516.6	7.1
Employment ('000)	486.1	477.2	493.7	7.6	480.0	487.3	488.1	8.1
Unemployed ('000)	31.9	31.0	30.4	(1.5)	29.5	27.9	28.5	(1.0)
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.2	6.1	5.8	(0.4)	5.8	5.4	5.5	(0.3)
Participation Rate (%)	68.2	67.2	69.3	1.1	67.1	68.1	68.3	1.2
Employment Rate (%)	64.0	63.1	65.3	1.3	63.2	64.4	64.6	1.4

Alberta

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	2,414.3	2,461.6	2,465.9	51.6	2,414.3	2,461.6	2,465.9	51.6
Labour Force ('000)	1,777.6	1,786.7	1,832.1	54.5	1,762.0	1,799.8	1,814.8	52.8
Employment ('000)	1,670.0	1,678.9	1,726.4	56.4	1,657.5	1,700.7	1,713.2	55.7
Unemployed ('000)	107.5	107.8	105.7	(1.8)	104.5	99.0	101.6	(2.9)
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	6.0	5.8	(0.2)	5.9	5.5	5.6	(0.3)
Participation Rate (%)	73.6	72.6	74.3	0.7	73.0	73.1	73.6	0.6
Employment Rate (%)	69.2	68.2	70.0	0.8	68.7	69.1	69.5	0.8

British Columbia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	3,319.8	3,355.7	3,359.8	40.0	3,319.8	3,355.7	3,359.8	40.0
Labour Force ('000)	2,163.0	2,175.4	2,205.2	42.2	2,148.4	2,189.5	2,193.2	44.8
Employment ('000)	1,961.8	1,993.9	2,015.6	53.8	1,944.8	2,012.3	2,004.5	59.7
Unemployed ('000)	201.2	181.5	189.6	(11.6)	203.6	177.2	188.7	(14.9)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.3	8.3	8.6	(0.7)	9.5	8.1	8.6	(0.9)
Participation Rate (%)	65.2	64.8	65.6	0.4	64.7	65.2	65.3	0.6
Employment Rate (%)	59.1	59.4	60.0	0.9	58.6	60.0	59.7	1.1

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.
Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings.

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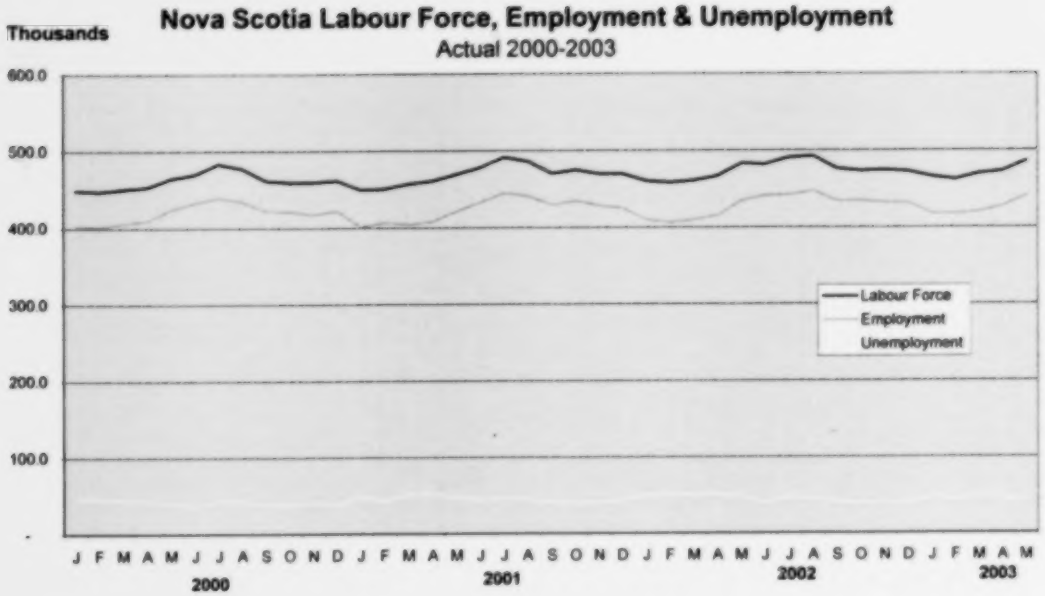
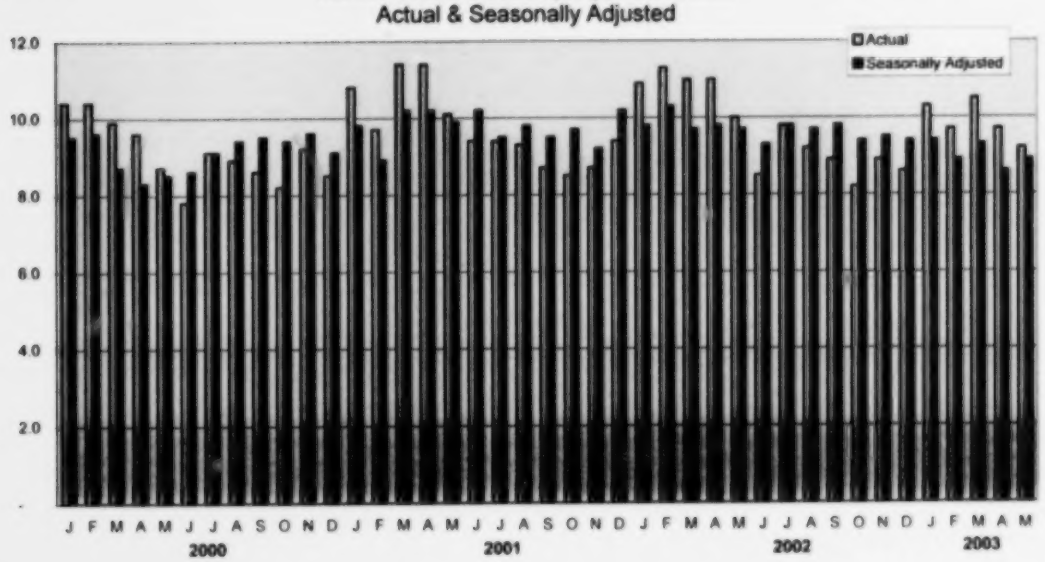
Actual 2000-2003



Nova Scotia Unemployment Rate

Actual & Seasonally Adjusted



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Employment Situation - May 2003
Economic Regions/CMA
(unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Canada				Nova Scotia			
	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	24,873.2	25,149.7	25,176.8	303.6	754.4	758.6	759.0	4.6
Labour Force ('000)	16,511.1	16,757.5	16,913.6	402.5	470.2	468.2	476.0	5.8
Employment ('000)	15,181.4	15,426.1	15,567.4	386.0	420.2	421.5	429.3	9.1
Unemployed ('000)	1,329.7	1,331.4	1,346.1	16.4	50.1	46.7	46.7	(3.4)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.1	7.9	8.0	(0.1)	10.7	10.0	9.8	(0.9)
Participation Rate (%)	66.4	66.6	67.2	0.8	62.3	61.7	62.7	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	61.0	61.3	61.8	0.8	55.7	55.6	56.6	0.9

	230 - Annapolis Valley				210 - Cape Breton			
	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	101.4	101.9	101.9	0.5	120.9	120.0	119.9	(1.0)
Labour Force ('000)	62.3	62.1	62.4	0.1	64.5	60.9	62.6	(1.9)
Employment ('000)	55.9	55.9	56.5	0.6	54.1	51.2	52.5	(1.6)
Unemployed ('000)	6.4	6.1	5.9	(0.5)	10.4	9.7	10.1	(0.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.3	9.8	9.5	(0.8)	16.1	15.9	16.1	-
Participation Rate (%)	61.4	60.9	61.2	(0.2)	53.3	50.8	52.2	(1.1)
Employment Rate (%)	55.1	54.9	55.4	0.3	44.7	42.7	43.8	(0.9)

	250 - Halifax County				Halifax Metro (CMA)			
	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	295.2	299.2	299.5	4.3	283.3	287.2	287.5	4.2
Labour Force ('000)	203.6	202.4	205.0	1.4	197.9	196.9	199.1	1.2
Employment ('000)	187.6	187.5	190.3	2.7	182.2	182.3	184.7	2.5
Unemployed ('000)	16.0	15.0	14.7	(1.3)	15.7	14.6	14.4	(1.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.9	7.4	7.2	(0.7)	7.9	7.4	7.2	(0.7)
Participation Rate (%)	69.0	67.6	68.4	(0.6)	69.9	68.6	69.3	(0.6)
Employment Rate (%)	63.6	62.7	63.5	(0.1)	64.3	63.5	64.2	(0.1)

	220 - North Shore				240 - Southern			
	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	133.0	133.2	133.2	0.2	104.0	104.3	104.3	0.3
Labour Force ('000)	77.3	79.8	81.5	4.2	62.6	62.9	64.4	1.8
Employment ('000)	67.4	71.5	72.9	5.5	55.2	55.3	57.1	1.9
Unemployed ('000)	9.9	8.3	8.7	(1.2)	7.4	7.5	7.3	(0.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.8	10.4	10.7	(2.1)	11.8	11.9	11.3	(0.5)
Participation Rate (%)	58.1	59.9	61.2	3.1	60.2	60.3	61.7	1.5
Employment Rate (%)	50.7	53.7	54.7	4.0	53.1	53.0	54.7	1.6

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Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change
Canada	15,338.4	15,698.2	15,685.1	346.7	12,486.8	12,768.7	12,749.1	262.3	2,851.6	2,929.6	2,936.1	84.5
Newfoundland and Labrac	214.4	217.8	218.4	4.0	181.6	180.9	183.9	2.3	32.7	36.9	34.5	1.8
Prince Edward Island	66.6	67.4	67.8	1.2	56.5	57.0	56.7	0.2	10.1	10.5	11.1	1.0
Nova Scotia	430.7	439.0	436.6	5.9	351.0	356.9	357.8	6.8	79.7	82.2	78.8	(0.9)
New Brunswick	345.9	346.1	337.5	(8.4)	292.5	292.5	285.1	(7.4)	53.4	53.6	52.4	(1.0)
Quebec	3,604.1	3,646.8	3,637.5	33.4	2,962.9	2,981.1	2,970.4	7.5	641.2	665.7	667.1	25.9
Ontario	6,030.6	6,210.5	6,209.6	179.0	4,943.0	5,081.9	5,060.3	117.3	1,087.5	1,128.7	1,149.3	61.8
Manitoba	564.0	570.3	572.0	8.0	447.0	456.2	457.2	10.2	117.0	114.1	114.7	(2.3)
Saskatchewan	480.0	487.3	488.1	8.1	380.8	391.7	391.3	10.5	99.2	95.6	96.8	(2.4)
Alberta	1,657.5	1,700.7	1,713.2	55.7	1,360.5	1,404.4	1,407.3	46.8	297.0	296.3	305.9	8.9
British Columbia	1,944.8	2,012.3	2,004.5	59.7	1,511.5	1,566.4	1,579.7	68.2	433.3	445.9	424.8	(8.5)

Employment - Actual (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change
Canada	15,469.0	15,478.7	15,799.6	330.6	12,614.9	12,479.9	12,855.5	240.6	2,854.0	2,998.8	2,944.1	90.1
Newfoundland and Labrac	216.5	205.1	220.5	4.0	182.9	167.7	184.7	1.8	33.6	37.4	35.8	2.2
Prince Edward Island	70.2	63.3	71.4	1.2	59.6	52.2	59.7	0.1	10.6	11.1	11.7	1.1
Nova Scotia	434.9	427.2	440.9	6.0	357.3	344.6	364.8	7.5	77.6	82.6	76.1	(1.5)
New Brunswick	349.2	330.4	338.9	(10.3)	294.9	275.3	285.5	(9.4)	54.3	55.1	53.4	(0.9)
Quebec	3,634.6	3,595.5	3,663.6	29.0	2,993.5	2,905.3	2,995.7	2.2	641.0	690.2	667.9	26.9
Ontario	6,076.7	6,142.9	6,251.3	174.6	4,993.5	4,997.9	5,097.6	104.1	1,083.2	1,145.0	1,153.7	70.5
Manitoba	568.9	564.4	577.3	8.4	451.8	446.4	462.1	10.3	117.1	117.9	115.2	(1.9)
Saskatchewan	486.1	477.2	493.7	7.6	389.2	379.5	398.0	8.8	96.9	97.7	95.7	(1.2)
Alberta	1,670.0	1,678.9	1,726.4	56.4	1,373.9	1,367.7	1,420.3	46.4	296.1	311.2	306.1	10.0
British Columbia	1,961.8	1,993.9	2,015.6	53.8	1,518.3	1,543.3	1,587.0	68.7	443.5	450.6	428.6	(14.9)

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Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change
Canada	2,733.1	2,781.8	2,793.1	60.0	2,344.6	2,409.3	2,406.6	62.0	14.2	13.4	13.8	(0.4)
Newfoundland and Labrac	39.1	42.1	41.1	2.0	28.7	31.3	31.8	3.1	26.6	25.7	22.9	(3.7)
Prince Edward Island	13.8	14.2	14.2	0.4	11.5	11.8	11.7	0.2	17.4	16.2	17.6	0.2
Nova Scotia	79.4	82.6	81.3	1.9	65.2	70.8	68.4	3.2	17.9	14.2	15.9	(2.0)
New Brunswick	65.7	63.7	59.7	(6.0)	56.1	52.9	49.3	(6.8)	14.6	17.0	17.4	2.8
Quebec	644.4	642.2	639.9	(4.5)	558.1	553.3	548.9	(9.2)	13.4	13.9	14.2	0.8
Ontario	1,035.6	1,065.0	1,074.6	39.0	885.2	915.6	922.3	37.1	14.5	14.0	14.2	(0.3)
Manitoba	109.6	107.1	108.8	(0.8)	97.7	98.1	98.3	0.6	10.8	8.4	9.7	(1.1)
Saskatchewan	95.0	95.9	96.8	1.8	83.8	87.1	86.1	2.3	11.8	9.2	11.1	(0.7)
Alberta	323.1	327.4	339.0	15.9	283.7	295.5	302.0	18.3	12.2	9.7	10.9	(1.3)
British Columbia	327.3	341.5	337.7	10.4	274.7	292.8	288.0	13.3	16.1	14.3	14.7	(1.4)

15-24 Age Group - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change
Canada	2,823.1	2,624.9	2,880.7	57.6	2,383.2	2,252.7	2,436.8	53.6	15.6	14.2	15.4	(0.2)
Newfoundland and Labrac	41.3	37.0	41.7	0.4	27.5	27.1	30.0	2.5	33.4	26.5	28.1	(5.3)
Prince Edward Island	14.8	12.7	15.1	0.3	12.3	10.1	12.5	0.2	16.9	20.5	17.9	1.0
Nova Scotia	82.1	76.7	84.5	2.4	65.3	64.3	68.5	3.2	20.3	16.2	18.9	(1.4)
New Brunswick	68.4	57.9	61.9	(6.5)	56.8	46.5	49.2	(7.6)	17.0	19.5	20.5	3.5
Quebec	651.7	605.4	648.0	(3.7)	558.5	517.9	548.3	(10.2)	14.3	14.4	15.4	1.1
Ontario	1,082.4	1,000.0	1,122.0	39.6	903.1	850.4	938.1	35.0	16.6	15.0	16.4	(0.2)
Manitoba	111.4	102.4	110.7	(0.7)	99.9	92.8	100.5	0.6	10.3	9.4	9.2	(1.1)
Saskatchewan	99.9	89.0	101.1	1.2	86.1	79.8	87.8	1.7	13.8	10.3	13.2	(0.6)
Alberta	331.8	313.3	349.6	17.8	289.5	281.0	308.8	19.3	12.8	10.3	11.7	(1.1)
British Columbia	339.2	330.7	346.1	6.9	284.2	282.7	293.2	9.0	16.2	14.5	15.3	(0.9)

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Employment Situation - May 2003
Employment by Sector

Canada - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change
All industries	**16,785.4**	**16,819.2**	**17,178.2**	**392.8**	**15,469.0**	**15,478.7**	**15,799.6**	**330.6**	**7.8**	**8.0**	**8.0**	**0.2**
Goods-Producing Sector	**4,245.1**	**4,206.0**	**4,332.9**	**87.8**	**3,943.5**	**3,856.4**	**4,014.7**	**71.2**	**7.1**	**8.3**	**7.3**	**0.2**
Agriculture	353.7	354.1	371.7	18.0	334.4	329.9	352.8	18.4	5.5	6.8	5.1	(0.4)
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	311.0	309.0	332.9	21.9	262.4	260.1	285.5	23.1	15.6	15.8	14.3	(1.3)
Utilities	142.2	136.4	134.4	(7.8)	137.1	132.4	132.9	(4.2)	3.6	2.9	1.1	(2.5)
Construction	970.1	977.2	1,017.9	47.8	888.5	863.0	929.3	40.8	8.4	11.7	8.7	0.3
Manufacturing	2,468.1	2,429.3	2,475.9	7.8	2,321.1	2,271.0	2,314.3	(6.8)	6.0	6.5	6.5	0.5
Services-Producing Sector	**12,128.7**	**12,229.7**	**12,417.5**	**288.8**	**11,525.5**	**11,622.3**	**11,784.9**	**259.4**	**5.0**	**5.0**	**5.1**	**0.1**
Trade	2,592.4	2,565.8	2,588.5	(3.9)	2,454.4	2,432.3	2,454.5	0.1	5.3	5.2	5.2	(0.1)
Transportation and Warehousing	798.2	788.0	795.0	(3.2)	759.5	749.2	758.0	(1.5)	4.8	4.9	4.7	(0.1)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	919.1	966.2	958.8	39.7	895.8	939.2	925.8	30.0	2.5	2.8	3.4	0.9
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,047.2	1,046.5	1,053.1	5.9	992.7	999.2	1,004.8	12.1	5.2	4.5	4.6	(0.6)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	550.8	669.9	703.2	52.4	593.5	596.0	631.9	38.4	8.8	11.0	10.1	1.3
Educational Services	1,071.8	1,112.6	1,122.9	51.1	1,039.3	1,087.5	1,084.2	44.9	3.0	2.3	3.4	0.4
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,616.7	1,673.4	1,707.2	90.5	1,578.1	1,639.9	1,662.9	84.8	2.4	2.0	2.6	0.2
Information, Culture and Recreation	774.2	719.6	777.5	3.3	712.4	656.6	715.9	3.5	8.0	8.8	7.9	(0.1)
Accommodation and Food Services	1,113.8	1,113.6	1,136.8	23.0	1,016.8	1,008.9	1,029.9	13.1	8.7	9.4	9.4	0.7
Other Services	738.5	748.0	743.6	5.1	701.8	713.7	708.2	6.4	5.0	4.6	4.8	(0.2)
Public Administration	805.9	826.0	831.0	25.1	781.0	799.6	809.0	28.0	3.1	3.2	2.6	(0.5)
Unclassified Industries	411.6	383.5	427.7	16.1	-	-	-					

Nova Scotia - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change
All industries	**483.0**	**473.0**	**485.7**	**2.7**	**434.9**	**427.2**	**440.9**	**5.0**	**10.0**	**9.7**	**9.2**	**(0.8)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**109.6**	**110.2**	**114.9**	**5.3**	**97.1**	**95.4**	**103.5**	**6.4**	**11.4**	**13.4**	**9.9**	**(1.5)**
Agriculture	7.8	8.2	8.6	0.8	7.1	6.5	7.0	(0.1)	9.0	20.7	19.8	10.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	19.2	18.4	19.9	0.7	16.1	15.2	17.9	1.8	16.1	17.4	10.1	(6.0)
Utilities	3.2	3.3	2.8	(0.4)	2.7	3.0	2.8	0.1	15.6	-	-	(15.6)
Construction	28.4	27.5	29.7	1.3	25.5	23.4	26.2	0.7	10.2	14.9	11.8	1.6
Manufacturing	50.9	52.8	53.9	3.0	45.7	47.2	49.6	3.9	10.4	10.4	8.0	(2.4)
Services-Producing Sector	**363.9**	**352.8**	**359.8**	**(4.1)**	**337.8**	**331.9**	**337.4**	**(0.4)**	**7.1**	**5.9**	**6.2**	**(0.9)**
Trade	80.8	78.7	79.6	(1.2)	76.3	73.8	73.9	(2.4)	5.6	6.2	7.2	1.6
Transportation and Warehousing	23.2	19.5	21.6	(1.6)	21.0	17.9	20.7	(0.3)	9.5	8.2	4.2	(5.3)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	22.0	22.5	21.4	(0.6)	20.9	22.1	21.1	0.2	5.0	-	-	(5.0)
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	21.5	18.6	18.3	(3.2)	19.6	17.6	17.2	(2.4)	8.8	4.8	6.0	(2.8)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	24.7	24.2	25.9	1.2	21.5	21.5	22.6	1.1	13.0	11.2	12.7	(0.3)
Educational Services	36.2	36.8	34.1	(2.1)	34.7	36.2	33.2	(1.5)	4.1	1.9	2.6	(1.5)
Health Care and Social Assistance	52.8	54.5	54.9	2.1	51.2	52.6	53.4	2.2	3.0	3.5	2.7	(0.3)
Information, Culture and Recreation	19.3	16.3	17.7	(1.6)	17.1	14.8	15.7	(1.4)	11.4	9.2	11.3	(0.1)
Accommodation and Food Services	35.0	30.8	32.8	(2.2)	31.3	26.9	29.4	(1.9)	10.6	12.7	10.7	0.1
Other Services	23.8	23.5	24.3	0.5	21.9	22.3	22.2	0.3	8.0	4.7	8.6	0.6
Public Administration	24.6	27.2	29.0	4.4	22.2	26.2	27.8	5.6	10.2	3.7	3.8	(6.4)
Unclassified Industries	9.6	10.3	11.0	1.4	-	-	-					

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CMA Data

(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Unemployment Rate - %				Employment Rate - %				Participation Rate - %			
	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change	May 2002	Apr 2003	May 2003	Annual Change
St. John's, Newfoundland and	8.4	9.3	9.1	0.7	61.4	62.3	62.6	1.2	67.1	68.6	68.9	1.8
Halifax	7.9	7.4	7.2	(0.7)	64.3	63.5	64.2	(0.1)	69.9	68.6	69.3	(0.6)
Saint John, New Brunswick	10.0	10.6	10.8	0.8	59.7	58.6	58.0	(1.7)	66.2	65.6	65.1	(1.1)
Saguenay	13.1	12.8	12.6	(0.5)	52.2	52.1	52.6	0.4	60.1	59.8	60.1	-
Québec	6.4	8.3	7.5	1.1	63.0	61.3	62.5	(0.5)	67.4	66.8	67.5	0.1
Trois-Rivières	10.7	10.2	10.0	(0.7)	54.4	56.3	57.2	2.8	60.8	62.8	63.6	2.8
Sherbrooke	8.2	7.3	6.3	(1.9)	59.1	60.3	60.8	1.7	64.3	65.1	64.9	0.6
Montréal	8.7	9.7	10.1	1.4	61.3	61.1	61.1	(0.2)	67.1	67.7	68.0	0.9
Ottawa-Gatineau	7.0	6.5	6.4	(0.6)	63.8	66.1	67.2	3.4	68.6	70.8	71.8	3.2
Sudbury	9.9	8.0	7.5	(2.4)	56.3	57.2	58.1	1.8	62.5	62.1	62.8	0.3
Oshawa	7.5	5.2	5.3	(2.2)	63.8	68.6	69.6	5.8	68.9	72.3	73.5	4.6
Toronto	7.2	7.3	7.7	0.5	64.5	64.6	64.5	-	69.5	69.7	69.9	0.4
Hamilton	7.9	5.6	5.9	(2.0)	61.3	63.3	63.2	1.9	66.5	67.0	67.2	0.7
St. Catharines - Niagara	8.2	7.2	6.5	(1.7)	57.9	58.2	59.4	1.5	63.1	62.8	63.5	0.4
London	8.1	7.1	7.6	(0.5)	60.0	61.6	62.2	2.2	65.2	66.3	67.3	2.1
Windsor	8.3	8.3	7.5	(0.8)	61.6	61.4	61.7	0.1	67.2	66.9	66.6	(0.6)
Kitchener	5.5	6.4	6.1	0.6	64.6	65.5	66.2	1.6	68.3	70.0	70.5	2.2
Thunder Bay	7.5	6.1	6.8	(0.7)	58.5	63.9	63.9	5.4	63.2	68.1	68.7	5.5
Winnipeg	5.6	5.5	4.8	(0.8)	66.4	66.3	67.1	0.7	70.3	70.2	70.4	0.1
Regina	5.8	5.8	5.7	(0.1)	68.7	66.7	67.2	(1.5)	73.0	70.8	71.3	(1.7)
Saskatoon	6.3	6.2	6.1	(0.2)	63.9	65.0	66.2	2.3	68.2	69.2	70.4	2.2
Calgary	6.0	5.8	5.9	(0.1)	71.1	70.0	70.4	(0.7)	75.7	74.3	74.8	(0.9)
Edmonton	5.6	5.5	5.8	0.2	67.3	67.2	67.7	0.4	71.3	71.1	71.9	0.6
Vancouver	8.3	7.3	7.2	(1.1)	60.7	61.7	61.7	1.0	66.2	66.5	66.5	0.3
Victoria	6.9	5.8	6.2	(0.7)	58.5	58.9	58.9	0.4	62.9	62.4	62.8	(0.1)

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About the Employment Situation Report

Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at: http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm

The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

Release Dates - 2003:

Data for:	**Release date:**
January 2003	February 7, 2003
February 2003	March 7, 2003
March 2003	April 4, 2003
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May 2003	June 6, 2003
June 2003	July 11, 2003
July 2003	August 8, 2003
August 2003	September 5, 2003
September 2003	October 10, 2003
October 2003	November 7, 2003
November 2003	December 5, 2003
December 2003	January 9, 2004
January 2004	February 6, 2004

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Canada

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	24,932.2	25,206.3	25,239.6	307.4	24,932.2	25,206.3	25,239.6	307.4
Labour Force ('000)	16,921.3	17,178.2	17,319.3	398.0	16,653.6	17,020.1	17,042.5	388.9
Employment ('000)	15,723.9	15,799.6	16,074.6	350.7	15,401.2	15,685.1	15,733.9	332.7
Unemployed ('000)	1,197.4	1,378.6	1,244.7	47.3	1,252.4	1,335.0	1,308.6	56.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	8.0	7.2	0.1	7.5	7.8	7.7	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	67.9	68.2	68.6	0.7	66.8	67.5	67.5	0.7
Employment Rate (%)	63.1	62.7	63.7	0.6	61.8	62.2	62.3	0.5

Nova Scotia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	755.4	759.4	759.6	4.2	755.4	759.4	759.6	4.2
Labour Force ('000)	482.1	485.7	490.7	8.6	472.8	479.3	481.6	8.8
Employment ('000)	441.2	440.9	451.4	10.2	428.7	436.6	439.3	10.6
Unemployed ('000)	40.9	44.8	39.3	(1.6)	44.1	42.8	42.3	(1.8)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.5	9.2	8.0	(0.5)	9.3	8.9	8.8	(0.5)
Participation Rate (%)	63.8	64.0	64.6	0.8	62.6	63.1	63.4	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	58.4	58.1	59.4	1.0	56.8	57.5	57.8	1.0

Newfoundland and Labrador

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	438.7	439.2	438.7	-	438.7	439.2	438.7	-
Labour Force ('000)	271.5	267.7	275.7	4.2	259.2	261.4	257.8	(1.4)
Employment ('000)	229.5	220.5	238.0	8.5	218.0	218.4	218.2	0.2
Unemployed ('000)	42.0	47.2	37.7	(4.3)	41.1	43.0	39.7	(1.4)
Unemployment Rate (%)	15.5	17.6	13.7	(1.8)	15.9	16.4	15.4	(0.5)
Participation Rate (%)	61.9	61.0	62.8	0.9	59.1	59.5	58.8	(0.3)
Employment Rate (%)	52.3	50.2	54.3	2.0	49.7	49.7	49.7	-

Prince Edward Island

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	111.7	113.2	113.3	1.6	111.7	113.2	113.3	1.6
Labour Force ('000)	79.1	79.6	82.2	3.1	75.8	77.2	77.8	2.0
Employment ('000)	72.7	71.4	77.3	4.6	66.7	67.8	70.3	3.6
Unemployed ('000)	6.4	8.2	4.9	(1.5)	9.2	9.4	7.5	(1.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.1	10.3	6.0	(2.1)	12.1	12.2	9.6	(2.5)
Participation Rate (%)	70.8	70.3	72.6	1.8	67.9	68.2	68.7	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	65.1	63.1	68.2	3.1	59.7	59.9	62.0	2.3

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New Brunswick

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	607.2	609.0	609.3	2.1	607.2	609.0	609.3	2.1
Labour Force ('000)	394.6	390.4	400.1	5.5	381.3	383.4	384.4	3.1
Employment ('000)	360.3	338.9	362.1	1.8	344.6	337.5	343.7	(0.9)
Unemployed ('000)	34.3	51.5	38.0	3.7	36.7	45.9	40.7	4.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.7	13.2	9.5	0.8	9.6	12.0	10.6	1.0
Participation Rate (%)	65.0	64.1	65.7	0.7	62.8	63.0	63.1	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	59.3	55.6	59.4	0.1	56.8	55.4	56.4	(0.4)

Quebec

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	6,031.9	6,075.1	6,080.6	48.7	6,031.9	6,075.1	6,080.6	48.7
Labour Force ('000)	4,018.1	4,042.8	4,096.9	78.8	3,932.7	4,010.3	4,003.3	70.6
Employment ('000)	3,707.2	3,663.6	3,753.3	46.1	3,611.3	3,637.5	3,647.8	36.5
Unemployed ('000)	310.9	379.2	343.7	32.8	321.3	372.8	355.5	34.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	9.4	8.4	0.7	8.2	9.3	8.9	0.7
Participation Rate (%)	66.6	66.5	67.4	0.8	65.2	66.0	65.8	0.6
Employment Rate (%)	61.5	60.3	61.7	0.2	59.9	59.9	60.0	0.1

Ontario

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	9,620.7	9,762.1	9,778.4	157.7	9,620.7	9,762.1	9,778.4	157.7
Labour Force ('000)	6,570.0	6,748.1	6,786.0	216.0	6,498.2	6,685.0	6,720.8	222.6
Employment ('000)	6,128.5	6,251.3	6,312.2	183.7	6,039.1	6,209.6	6,226.8	187.7
Unemployed ('000)	441.4	496.8	473.8	32.4	459.2	475.4	493.9	34.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.7	7.4	7.0	0.3	7.1	7.1	7.3	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.3	69.1	69.4	1.1	67.5	68.5	68.7	1.2
Employment Rate (%)	63.7	64.0	64.6	0.9	62.8	63.6	63.7	0.9

Manitoba

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	864.6	866.8	867.8	3.2	864.6	866.8	867.8	3.2
Labour Force ('000)	606.4	602.4	604.6	(1.8)	597.6	598.9	596.9	(0.7)
Employment ('000)	580.6	577.3	579.9	(0.7)	568.5	572.0	569.5	1.0
Unemployed ('000)	25.8	25.1	24.6	(1.2)	29.1	26.9	27.4	(1.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.2	4.1	(0.2)	4.9	4.5	4.6	(0.3)
Participation Rate (%)	70.1	69.5	69.7	(0.4)	69.1	69.1	68.8	(0.3)
Employment Rate (%)	67.2	66.6	66.8	(0.4)	65.8	66.0	65.6	(0.2)

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Saskatchewan

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	759.6	755.9	755.9	(3.7)	759.6	755.9	755.9	(3.7)
Labour Force ('000)	519.6	524.1	527.0	7.4	509.2	516.6	516.4	7.2
Employment ('000)	494.3	493.7	501.5	7.2	482.3	488.1	488.7	6.4
Unemployed ('000)	25.3	30.4	25.6	0.3	26.9	28.5	27.6	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	5.8	4.9	-	5.3	5.5	5.3	-
Participation Rate (%)	68.4	69.3	69.7	1.3	67.0	68.3	68.3	1.3
Employment Rate (%)	65.1	65.3	66.3	1.2	63.5	64.6	64.7	1.2

Alberta

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	2,418.7	2,465.9	2,471.7	53.0	2,418.7	2,465.9	2,471.7	53.0
Labour Force ('000)	1,789.8	1,832.1	1,842.9	53.1	1,765.3	1,814.8	1,815.9	50.6
Employment ('000)	1,698.8	1,726.4	1,756.3	57.5	1,667.9	1,713.2	1,722.9	55.0
Unemployed ('000)	91.0	105.7	86.6	(4.4)	97.4	101.6	92.9	(4.5)
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	5.8	4.7	(0.4)	5.5	5.6	5.1	(0.4)
Participation Rate (%)	74.0	74.3	74.6	0.6	73.0	73.6	73.5	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	70.2	70.0	71.1	0.9	69.0	69.5	69.7	0.7

British Columbia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	3,323.7	3,359.8	3,364.3	40.6	3,323.7	3,359.8	3,364.3	40.6
Labour Force ('000)	2,190.1	2,205.2	2,213.1	23.0	2,161.5	2,193.2	2,187.7	26.2
Employment ('000)	2,010.7	2,015.6	2,042.5	31.8	1,974.1	2,004.5	2,006.6	32.5
Unemployed ('000)	179.4	189.6	170.6	(8.8)	187.4	188.7	181.1	(6.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.2	8.6	7.7	(0.5)	8.7	8.6	8.3	(0.4)
Participation Rate (%)	65.9	65.6	65.8	(0.1)	65.0	65.3	65.0	-
Employment Rate (%)	60.5	60.0	60.7	0.2	59.4	59.7	59.6	0.2

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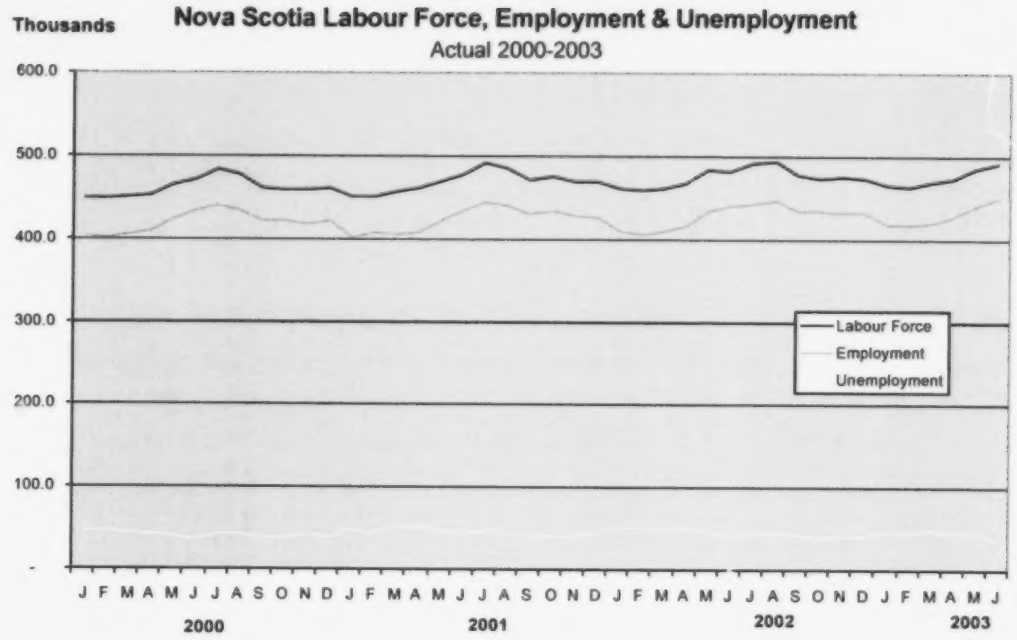

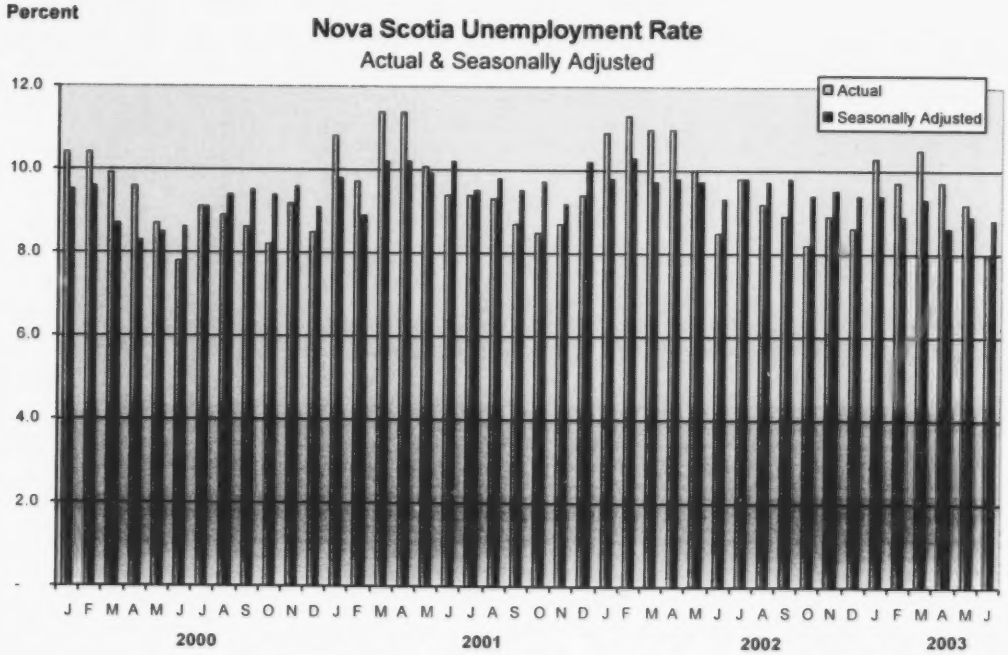

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Economic Regions/CMA
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	Canada				Nova Scotia			
	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	24,903.8	25,176.8	25,208.0	304.2	754.8	759.0	759.3	4.5
Labour Force ('000)	16,706.7	16,913.6	17,105.6	398.9	477.4	476.0	483.1	5.7
Employment ('000)	15,429.3	15,567.4	15,784.3	355.0	430.5	429.3	439.8	9.3
Unemployed ('000)	1,277.4	1,346.1	1,321.3	43.9	46.8	46.7	43.3	(3.5)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.6	8.0	7.7	0.1	9.8	9.8	9.0	(0.8)
Participation Rate (%)	67.1	67.2	67.9	0.8	63.2	62.7	63.6	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	62.0	61.8	62.6	0.6	57.0	56.6	57.9	0.9

	230 - Annapolis Valley				210 - Cape Breton			
	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	101.4	101.9	102.0	0.6	120.8	119.9	119.9	(0.9)
Labour Force ('000)	63.0	62.4	62.3	(0.7)	66.0	62.6	65.0	(1.0)
Employment ('000)	57.3	56.5	56.7	(0.6)	55.8	52.5	55.1	(0.7)
Unemployed ('000)	5.7	5.9	5.6	(0.1)	10.2	10.1	9.8	(0.4)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.0	9.5	9.0	-	15.5	16.1	15.1	(0.4)
Participation Rate (%)	62.1	61.2	61.1	(1.0)	54.6	52.2	54.2	(0.4)
Employment Rate (%)	56.5	55.4	55.6	(0.9)	46.2	43.8	46.0	(0.2)

	250 - Halifax County				Halifax Metro (CMA)			
	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	295.5	299.5	299.9	4.4	283.6	287.5	287.9	4.3
Labour Force ('000)	206.9	205.0	207.5	0.6	201.1	199.1	201.0	(0.1)
Employment ('000)	191.2	190.3	194.5	3.3	185.6	184.7	188.2	2.6
Unemployed ('000)	15.7	14.7	13.0	(2.7)	15.5	14.4	12.8	(2.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.6	7.2	6.3	(1.3)	7.7	7.2	6.4	(1.3)
Participation Rate (%)	70.0	68.4	69.2	(0.8)	70.9	69.3	69.8	(1.1)
Employment Rate (%)	64.7	63.5	64.9	0.2	65.4	64.2	65.4	-

	220 - North Shore				240 - Southern			
	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	133.0	133.2	133.2	0.2	104.0	104.3	104.3	0.3
Labour Force ('000)	78.2	81.5	82.4	4.2	63.4	64.4	66.0	2.6
Employment ('000)	69.3	72.9	74.4	5.1	57.0	57.1	59.1	2.1
Unemployed ('000)	8.8	8.7	8.0	(0.8)	6.4	7.3	6.8	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.3	10.7	9.7	(1.6)	10.1	11.3	10.3	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	58.8	61.2	61.9	3.1	61.0	61.7	63.3	2.3
Employment Rate (%)	52.1	54.7	55.9	3.8	54.8	54.7	56.7	1.9

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Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change
Canada	15,401.2	15,685.1	15,733.9	332.7	12,529.0	12,749.1	12,754.5	225.5	2,872.2	2,936.1	2,979.5	107.3
Newfoundland and Labrac	218.0	218.4	218.2	0.2	183.9	183.9	185.8	1.9	34.2	34.5	32.4	(1.8)
Prince Edward Island	66.7	67.8	70.3	3.6	56.4	56.7	58.3	1.9	10.2	11.1	12.1	1.9
Nova Scotia	428.7	436.6	439.3	10.6	346.2	357.8	357.2	11.0	82.5	78.8	82.1	(0.4)
New Brunswick	344.6	337.5	343.7	(0.9)	292.6	285.1	290.1	(2.5)	51.9	52.4	53.6	1.7
Quebec	3,611.3	3,637.5	3,647.8	36.5	2,976.6	2,970.4	2,974.2	(2.4)	634.7	667.1	673.6	38.9
Ontario	6,039.1	6,209.6	6,226.8	187.7	4,946.9	5,060.3	5,059.1	112.2	1,092.1	1,149.3	1,167.8	75.7
Manitoba	568.5	572.0	569.5	1.0	448.9	457.2	458.8	9.9	119.6	114.7	110.7	(8.9)
Saskatchewan	482.3	488.1	488.7	6.4	384.3	391.3	388.2	3.9	98.0	96.8	100.5	2.5
Alberta	1,667.9	1,713.2	1,722.9	55.0	1,367.1	1,407.3	1,402.7	35.6	300.7	305.9	320.2	19.5
British Columbia	1,974.1	2,004.5	2,006.6	32.5	1,527.0	1,579.7	1,580.0	53.0	447.1	424.8	426.6	(20.5)

Employment - Actual (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change
Canada	15,723.9	15,799.6	16,074.6	350.7	12,920.0	12,855.5	13,201.9	281.9	2,803.9	2,944.1	2,872.7	68.8
Newfoundland and Labrac	229.5	220.5	238.0	8.5	195.1	184.7	205.9	10.8	34.4	35.8	32.1	(2.3)
Prince Edward Island	72.7	71.4	77.3	4.6	62.7	59.7	65.4	2.7	10.1	11.7	11.9	1.8
Nova Scotia	441.2	440.9	451.4	10.2	362.3	364.8	374.1	11.8	78.9	76.1	77.3	(1.6)
New Brunswick	360.3	338.9	362.1	1.8	309.3	285.5	311.9	2.6	51.1	53.4	50.2	(0.9)
Quebec	3,707.2	3,663.6	3,753.3	46.1	3,112.4	2,995.7	3,119.6	7.2	594.8	667.9	633.7	38.9
Ontario	6,128.5	6,251.3	6,312.2	183.7	5,043.9	5,097.6	5,177.3	133.4	1,084.6	1,153.7	1,135.0	50.4
Manitoba	580.6	577.3	579.9	(0.7)	463.7	462.1	473.6	9.9	117.0	115.2	106.4	(10.6)
Saskatchewan	494.3	493.7	501.5	7.2	398.8	398.0	403.9	5.1	95.5	95.7	97.6	2.1
Alberta	1,698.8	1,726.4	1,756.3	57.5	1,408.4	1,420.3	1,444.4	36.0	290.4	306.1	311.9	21.5
British Columbia	2,010.7	2,015.6	2,042.5	31.8	1,563.5	1,587.0	1,625.8	62.3	447.2	428.6	416.7	(30.5)

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Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change
Canada	2,729.3	2,793.1	2,799.7	70.4	2,359.0	2,406.6	2,410.2	51.2	13.6	13.8	13.9	0.3
Newfoundland and Labrac	40.7	41.1	38.5	(2.2)	30.5	31.8	30.4	(0.1)	25.1	22.9	20.8	(4.3)
Prince Edward Island	13.9	14.2	14.4	0.5	11.7	11.7	12.4	0.7	15.8	17.6	13.9	(1.9)
Nova Scotia	80.2	81.3	83.5	3.3	66.0	68.4	69.6	3.6	17.7	15.9	16.5	(1.2)
New Brunswick	62.7	59.7	62.9	0.2	54.7	49.3	50.6	(4.1)	12.8	17.4	19.6	6.8
Quebec	634.0	639.9	647.7	13.7	556.9	548.9	559.6	2.7	12.2	14.2	13.6	1.4
Ontario	1,027.9	1,074.6	1,080.4	52.5	880.5	922.3	909.3	28.8	14.3	14.2	15.8	1.5
Manitoba	108.5	108.8	108.2	(0.3)	98.2	98.3	98.4	0.2	9.4	9.7	9.0	(0.4)
Saskatchewan	94.3	96.8	95.9	1.6	84.5	86.1	85.9	1.4	10.4	11.1	10.5	0.1
Alberta	322.8	339.0	338.8	16.0	286.6	302.0	308.7	22.1	11.2	10.9	8.9	(2.3)
British Columbia	344.3	337.7	329.4	(14.9)	289.4	288.0	285.1	(4.3)	15.9	14.7	13.4	(2.5)

15-24 Age Group - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change
Canada	2,904.7	2,880.7	2,990.4	85.7	2,528.7	2,436.8	2,595.2	66.5	12.9	15.4	13.2	0.3
Newfoundland and Labrac	45.5	41.7	45.4	(0.1)	33.3	30.0	36.3	3.0	26.6	28.1	20.0	(6.6)
Prince Edward Island	15.6	15.1	16.5	0.9	13.9	12.5	15.1	1.2	10.9	17.9	9.1	(1.8)
Nova Scotia	84.5	84.5	87.8	3.3	71.7	68.5	75.0	3.3	15.1	18.9	14.6	(0.5)
New Brunswick	69.0	61.9	71.1	2.1	60.2	49.2	58.0	(2.2)	12.9	20.5	18.6	5.7
Quebec	689.5	648.0	713.9	24.4	602.9	548.3	616.5	13.6	12.6	15.4	13.6	1.0
Ontario	1,087.2	1,122.0	1,141.3	54.1	941.4	938.1	967.8	26.4	13.4	16.4	15.2	1.8
Manitoba	113.3	110.7	112.8	(0.5)	104.1	100.5	103.8	(0.3)	8.1	9.2	8.0	(0.1)
Saskatchewan	100.5	101.1	103.1	2.6	90.4	87.8	92.8	2.4	10.0	13.2	10.0	-
Alberta	340.0	349.6	358.2	18.2	305.3	308.8	330.4	25.1	10.2	11.7	7.8	(2.4)
British Columbia	359.6	346.1	340.2	(19.4)	305.4	293.2	299.6	(5.8)	15.1	15.3	12.0	(3.1)

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Employment by Sector

Canada - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change
All industries	**16,921.3**	**17,178.2**	**17,319.3**	**398.0**	**15,723.9**	**15,799.6**	**16,074.6**	**350.7**	**7.1**	**8.0**	**7.2**	**0.1**
Goods-Producing Sector	**4,318.7**	**4,332.9**	**4,370.6**	**51.9**	**4,074.6**	**4,014.7**	**4,116.8**	**42.2**	**5.7**	**7.3**	**5.8**	**0.1**
Agriculture	359.6	371.7	374.9	15.3	341.0	352.8	357.7	16.7	5.1	5.1	4.6	(0.5)
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	311.1	332.9	340.1	29.0	283.2	285.5	309.5	26.3	9.0	14.3	9.0	-
Utilities	138.6	134.4	135.7	(2.9)	134.2	132.9	133.8	(0.4)	3.2	1.1	1.4	(1.8)
Construction	990.6	1,017.9	1,049.5	58.9	928.8	929.3	986.9	58.1	6.2	8.7	6.0	(0.2)
Manufacturing	2,518.8	2,475.9	2,470.4	(48.4)	2,387.4	2,314.3	2,329.1	(58.3)	5.2	6.5	5.7	0.5
Services-Producing Sector	**12,201.9**	**12,417.5**	**12,518.4**	**316.5**	**11,649.3**	**11,784.9**	**11,957.8**	**308.5**	**4.5**	**5.1**	**4.5**	**-**
Trade	2,562.8	2,588.5	2,584.7	21.9	2,437.4	2,454.5	2,469.2	31.8	4.9	5.2	4.5	(0.4)
Transportation and Warehousing	799.5	795.0	805.8	6.3	766.6	758.0	779.2	12.6	4.1	4.7	3.3	(0.8)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	941.8	958.8	955.0	13.2	918.9	925.8	928.4	9.5	2.4	3.4	2.8	0.4
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,061.4	1,053.1	1,064.6	3.2	1,007.5	1,004.8	1,022.5	15.0	5.1	4.6	4.0	(1.1)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	679.9	703.2	706.7	26.8	623.3	631.9	639.1	15.8	8.3	10.1	9.6	1.3
Educational Services	1,054.4	1,122.9	1,097.5	43.1	1,023.3	1,084.2	1,060.7	37.4	2.9	3.4	3.4	0.5
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,647.3	1,707.2	1,735.5	88.2	1,607.1	1,662.9	1,694.6	87.5	2.4	2.6	2.4	-
Information, Culture and Recreation	800.2	777.5	785.8	(14.4)	741.1	715.9	729.8	(11.3)	7.4	7.9	7.1	(0.3)
Accommodation and Food Services	1,100.8	1,136.8	1,154.7	53.9	1,025.0	1,029.9	1,059.4	34.4	6.9	9.4	8.3	1.4
Other Services	738.0	743.6	769.3	31.3	705.2	708.2	734.2	29.0	4.4	4.8	4.6	0.2
Public Administration	815.7	831.0	858.8	43.1	794.0	809.0	840.7	46.7	2.7	2.6	2.1	(0.6)
Unclassified Industries	400.7	427.7	430.3	29.6	-	-	-					

Nova Scotia - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change
All industries	**482.1**	**485.7**	**490.7**	**8.6**	**441.2**	**440.9**	**451.4**	**10.2**	**8.5**	**9.2**	**8.0**	**(0.5)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**111.0**	**114.9**	**116.5**	**5.5**	**100.6**	**103.5**	**104.9**	**4.4**	**9.5**	**9.9**	**10.0**	**0.5**
Agriculture	7.9	8.6	7.3	(0.6)	7.3	7.0	6.8	(0.5)	8.9	19.8	6.8	(2.1)
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	18.3	19.9	18.8	0.5	15.6	17.9	15.6	-	14.8	10.1	17.0	2.2
Utilities	3.0	2.8	2.9	(0.1)	2.3	2.8	2.9	0.6	23.3	-	-	(23.3)
Construction	30.0	29.7	31.2	1.2	27.5	26.2	28.0	0.5	8.3	11.8	10.3	2.0
Manufacturing	51.7	53.9	56.3	4.6	47.8	49.6	51.6	3.8	7.5	8.0	8.3	0.8
Services-Producing Sector	**361.6**	**359.8**	**365.1**	**3.5**	**340.7**	**337.4**	**346.5**	**5.8**	**5.8**	**6.2**	**5.1**	**(0.7)**
Trade	80.1	79.6	81.1	1.0	76.0	73.9	76.9	0.9	5.0	7.2	5.3	0.3
Transportation and Warehousing	21.1	21.6	22.0	0.9	19.8	20.7	21.2	1.4	5.7	4.2	3.6	(2.1)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	21.4	21.4	22.8	1.4	20.8	21.1	22.4	1.6	2.8	-	-	(2.8)
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	20.6	18.3	18.0	(2.6)	19.3	17.2	17.3	(2.0)	6.8	6.0	3.3	(3.5)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	25.1	25.9	25.1	-	21.8	22.6	22.6	0.8	13.5	12.7	10.0	(3.5)
Educational Services	34.5	34.1	32.9	(1.6)	33.3	33.2	31.9	(1.4)	3.5	2.6	3.0	(0.5)
Health Care and Social Assistance	53.7	54.9	56.4	2.7	53.1	53.4	54.6	1.5	1.1	2.7	3.2	2.1
Information, Culture and Recreation	22.2	17.7	19.2	(3.0)	20.1	15.7	18.0	(2.1)	9.9	11.3	6.3	(3.6)
Accommodation and Food Services	35.3	32.8	32.4	(2.9)	32.8	29.4	28.3	(4.5)	7.1	10.7	12.3	5.2
Other Services	22.6	24.3	25.4	2.8	20.0	22.2	24.3	4.3	11.5	8.6	4.7	(6.8)
Public Administration	25.0	29.0	29.6	4.6	23.5	27.8	28.9	5.4	6.0	3.8	2.4	(3.6)
Unclassified Industries	9.5	11.0	9.1	(0.4)	-	-	-					

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CMA Data

(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Unemployment Rate - %				Employment Rate - %				Participation Rate - %			
	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change	Jun 2002	May 2003	Jun 2003	Annual Change
St. John's, Newfoundland and	8.4	9.1	9.2	0.8	61.9	62.6	63.1	1.2	67.6	68.9	69.5	1.9
Halifax	7.7	7.2	6.4	(1.3)	65.4	64.2	65.4	-	70.9	69.3	69.8	(1.1)
Saint John, New Brunswick	9.5	10.8	10.5	1.0	60.5	58.0	58.1	(2.4)	66.8	65.1	65.0	(1.8)
Saguenay	12.3	12.6	11.9	(0.4)	52.2	52.6	53.7	1.5	59.5	60.1	60.9	1.4
Québec	5.9	7.5	6.2	0.3	64.4	62.5	64.3	(0.1)	68.5	67.5	68.6	0.1
Trois-Rivières	8.6	10.0	10.1	1.5	56.3	57.2	56.8	0.5	61.6	63.6	63.1	1.5
Sherbrooke	7.6	6.3	6.4	(1.2)	60.5	60.8	61.5	1.0	65.5	64.9	65.7	0.2
Montréal	8.3	10.1	9.9	1.6	62.1	61.1	61.6	(0.5)	67.7	68.0	68.4	0.7
Ottawa-Gatineau	6.9	6.4	6.3	(0.6)	64.4	67.2	67.8	3.4	69.1	71.8	72.4	3.3
Sudbury	8.6	7.5	7.4	(1.2)	58.0	58.1	58.4	0.4	63.5	62.8	63.0	(0.5)
Oshawa	6.7	5.3	5.4	(1.3)	64.1	69.6	70.4	6.3	68.7	73.5	74.4	5.7
Toronto	7.3	7.7	8.1	0.8	64.6	64.5	64.6	-	69.7	69.9	70.3	0.6
Hamilton	7.3	5.9	5.8	(1.5)	62.3	63.2	63.7	1.4	67.3	67.2	67.7	0.4
St. Catharines - Niagara	7.0	6.5	6.5	(0.5)	59.7	59.4	60.1	0.4	64.2	63.5	64.3	0.1
London	8.3	7.6	7.4	(0.9)	61.4	62.2	63.0	1.6	67.0	67.3	68.0	1.0
Windsor	8.4	7.5	6.9	(1.5)	61.7	61.7	62.0	0.3	67.4	66.6	66.6	(0.8)
Kitchener	5.0	6.1	6.1	1.1	65.7	66.2	66.4	0.7	69.1	70.5	70.7	1.6
Thunder Bay	6.5	6.8	6.3	(0.2)	59.3	63.9	64.0	4.7	63.4	68.7	68.2	4.8
Winnipeg	5.2	4.8	4.4	(0.8)	67.1	67.1	67.7	0.6	70.8	70.4	70.8	-
Regina	5.5	5.7	5.3	(0.2)	68.7	67.2	67.9	(0.8)	72.7	71.3	71.6	(1.1)
Saskatoon	6.5	6.1	5.9	(0.6)	65.1	66.2	67.7	2.6	69.6	70.4	71.9	2.3
Calgary	6.2	5.9	5.2	(1.0)	71.2	70.4	71.4	0.2	75.8	74.8	75.3	(0.5)
Edmonton	5.7	5.8	5.8	0.1	68.0	67.7	68.4	0.4	72.1	71.9	72.6	0.5
Vancouver	8.0	7.2	7.2	(0.8)	61.5	61.7	62.2	0.7	66.9	66.5	67.0	0.1
Victoria	6.9	6.2	7.1	0.2	58.2	58.9	58.3	0.1	62.5	62.8	62.7	0.2

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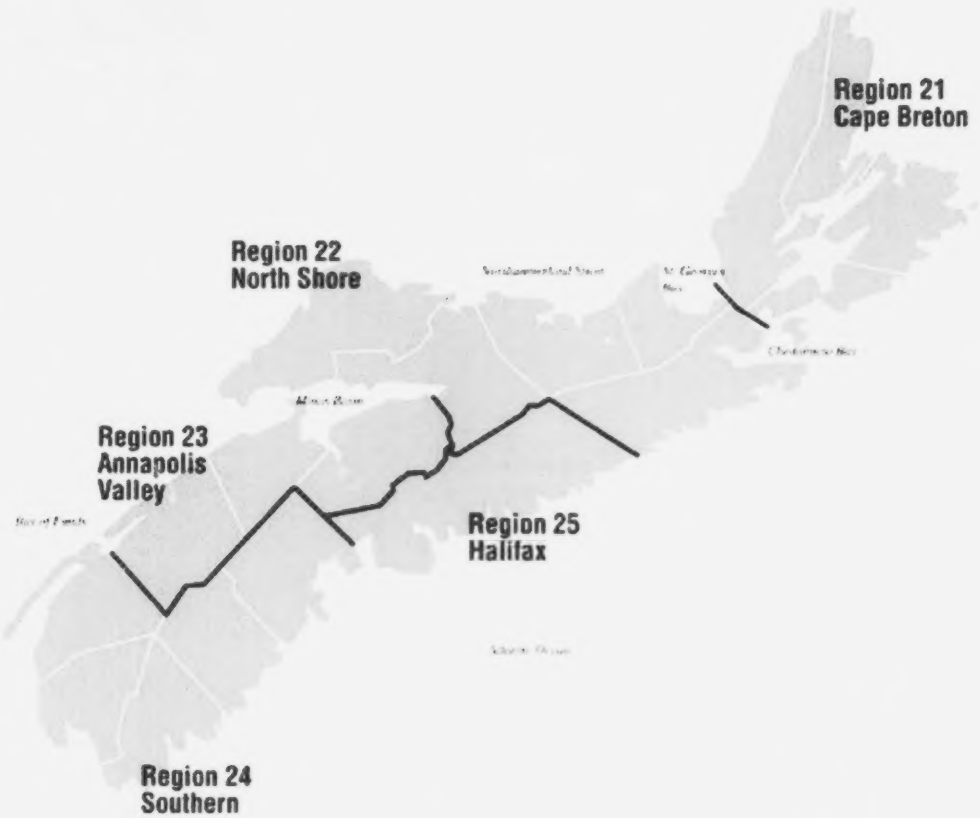

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About the Employment Situation Report

Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at: http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm

The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

Release Dates - 2003:

Data for:	**Release date:**
January 2003	February 7, 2003
February 2003	March 7, 2003
March 2003	April 4, 2003
April 2003	May 9, 2003
May 2003	June 6, 2003
June 2003	July 11, 2003
July 2003	August 8, 2003
August 2003	September 5, 2003
September 2003	October 10, 2003
October 2003	November 7, 2003
November 2003	December 5, 2003
December 2003	January 9, 2004
January 2004	February 6, 2004

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Canada

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	24,965.0	25,239.6	25,263.9	298.9	24,965.0	25,239.6	25,263.9	298.9
Labour Force ('000)	17,131.8	17,319.3	17,465.9	334.1	16,700.7	17,042.5	17,042.4	341.7
Employment ('000)	15,810.9	16,074.6	16,090.4	279.5	15,430.8	15,733.9	15,720.6	289.8
Unemployed ('000)	1,320.9	1,244.7	1,375.4	54.5	1,269.8	1,308.6	1,321.8	52.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	7.2	7.9	0.2	7.6	7.7	7.8	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.6	68.6	69.1	0.5	66.9	67.5	67.5	0.6
Employment Rate (%)	63.3	63.7	63.7	0.4	61.8	62.3	62.2	0.4

Nova Scotia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	755.9	759.6	760.1	4.2	755.9	759.6	760.1	4.2
Labour Force ('000)	490.6	490.7	497.6	7.0	471.0	481.6	478.4	7.4
Employment ('000)	442.5	451.4	451.1	8.6	424.7	439.3	434.2	9.5
Unemployed ('000)	48.1	39.3	46.5	(1.6)	46.3	42.3	44.1	(2.2)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.8	8.0	9.3	(0.5)	9.8	8.8	9.2	(0.6)
Participation Rate (%)	64.9	64.6	65.5	0.6	62.3	63.4	62.9	0.6
Employment Rate (%)	58.5	59.4	59.3	0.8	56.2	57.8	57.1	0.9

Newfoundland and Labrador

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	438.8	438.7	438.5	(0.3)	438.8	438.7	438.5	(0.3)
Labour Force ('000)	279.2	275.7	282.3	3.1	254.9	257.8	258.8	3.9
Employment ('000)	240.7	238.0	242.4	1.7	216.2	218.2	217.8	1.6
Unemployed ('000)	38.6	37.7	39.9	1.3	38.7	39.7	41.0	2.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.8	13.7	14.1	0.3	15.2	15.4	15.8	0.6
Participation Rate (%)	63.6	62.8	64.4	0.8	58.1	58.8	59.0	0.9
Employment Rate (%)	54.9	54.3	55.3	0.4	49.3	49.7	49.7	0.4

Prince Edward Island

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	111.9	113.3	113.4	1.5	111.9	113.3	113.4	1.5
Labour Force ('000)	80.8	82.2	83.0	2.2	75.8	77.8	77.7	1.9
Employment ('000)	72.3	77.3	75.7	3.4	66.4	70.3	69.5	3.1
Unemployed ('000)	8.5	4.9	7.3	(1.2)	9.3	7.5	8.1	(1.2)
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.5	6.0	8.8	(1.7)	12.3	9.6	10.4	(1.9)
Participation Rate (%)	72.2	72.6	73.2	1.0	67.7	68.7	68.5	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	64.6	68.2	66.8	2.2	59.3	62.0	61.3	2.0

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New Brunswick

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	607.7	609.3	609.7	2.0	607.7	609.3	609.7	2.0
Labour Force ('000)	402.5	400.1	404.6	2.1	383.6	384.4	385.7	2.1
Employment ('000)	364.2	362.1	365.7	1.5	343.5	343.7	345.3	1.8
Unemployed ('000)	38.3	38.0	38.8	0.5	40.1	40.7	40.4	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.5	9.5	9.6	0.1	10.5	10.6	10.5	-
Participation Rate (%)	66.2	65.7	66.4	0.2	63.1	63.1	63.3	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	59.9	59.4	60.0	0.1	56.5	56.4	56.6	0.1

Quebec

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	6,036.2	6,080.6	6,084.6	48.4	6,036.2	6,080.6	6,084.6	48.4
Labour Force ('000)	4,060.2	4,096.9	4,116.3	56.1	3,939.5	4,003.3	4,000.5	61.0
Employment ('000)	3,724.1	3,753.3	3,755.4	31.3	3,600.4	3,647.8	3,634.6	34.2
Unemployed ('000)	336.2	343.7	360.9	24.7	339.2	355.5	365.8	26.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.3	8.4	8.8	0.5	8.6	8.9	9.1	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	67.3	67.4	67.7	0.4	65.3	65.8	65.7	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	61.7	61.7	61.7	-	59.6	60.0	59.7	0.1

Ontario

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	9,638.8	9,778.4	9,790.3	151.5	9,638.8	9,778.4	9,790.3	151.5
Labour Force ('000)	6,660.5	6,786.0	6,841.7	181.2	6,517.9	6,720.8	6,704.2	186.3
Employment ('000)	6,154.5	6,312.2	6,309.0	154.5	6,051.9	6,226.8	6,219.1	167.2
Unemployed ('000)	505.9	473.8	532.7	26.8	466.0	493.9	485.1	19.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.6	7.0	7.8	0.2	7.1	7.3	7.2	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.1	69.4	69.9	0.8	67.6	68.7	68.5	0.9
Employment Rate (%)	63.9	64.6	64.4	0.5	62.8	63.7	63.5	0.7

Manitoba

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	865.0	867.8	868.4	3.4	865.0	867.8	868.4	3.4
Labour Force ('000)	609.4	604.6	610.8	1.4	599.8	596.9	601.5	1.7
Employment ('000)	576.9	579.9	579.1	2.2	568.6	569.5	571.1	2.5
Unemployed ('000)	32.6	24.6	31.7	(0.9)	31.2	27.4	30.5	(0.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	4.1	5.2	(0.1)	5.2	4.6	5.1	(0.1)
Participation Rate (%)	70.5	69.7	70.3	(0.2)	69.3	68.8	69.3	-
Employment Rate (%)	66.7	66.8	66.7	-	65.7	65.6	65.8	0.1

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Saskatchewan

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	759.3	755.9	755.8	(3.5)	759.3	755.9	755.8	(3.5)
Labour Force ('000)	523.9	527.0	530.6	6.7	507.3	516.4	515.2	7.9
Employment ('000)	494.2	501.5	500.3	6.1	480.1	488.7	487.1	7.0
Unemployed ('000)	29.7	25.6	30.3	0.6	27.1	27.6	28.1	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	4.9	5.7	-	5.3	5.3	5.5	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.0	69.7	70.2	1.2	66.8	68.3	68.2	1.4
Employment Rate (%)	65.1	66.3	66.2	1.1	63.2	64.7	64.4	1.2

Alberta

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	2,423.4	2,471.7	2,475.4	52.0	2,423.4	2,471.7	2,475.4	52.0
Labour Force ('000)	1,819.6	1,842.9	1,847.6	28.0	1,786.4	1,815.9	1,814.2	27.8
Employment ('000)	1,718.7	1,756.3	1,756.0	37.3	1,691.2	1,722.9	1,725.4	34.2
Unemployed ('000)	100.9	86.6	91.6	(9.3)	95.2	92.9	88.8	(6.4)
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	4.7	5.0	(0.5)	5.3	5.1	4.9	(0.4)
Participation Rate (%)	75.1	74.6	74.6	(0.5)	73.7	73.5	73.3	(0.4)
Employment Rate (%)	70.9	71.1	70.9	-	69.8	69.7	69.7	(0.1)

British Columbia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	3,328.1	3,364.3	3,367.8	39.7	3,328.1	3,364.3	3,367.8	39.7
Labour Force ('000)	2,205.1	2,213.1	2,251.4	46.3	2,164.6	2,187.7	2,206.2	41.6
Employment ('000)	2,023.0	2,042.5	2,055.8	32.8	1,987.8	2,006.6	2,016.4	28.6
Unemployed ('000)	182.1	170.6	195.7	13.6	176.7	181.1	189.8	13.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.3	7.7	8.7	0.4	8.2	8.3	8.6	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	66.3	65.8	66.9	0.6	65.0	65.0	65.5	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	60.8	60.7	61.0	0.2	59.7	59.6	59.9	0.2

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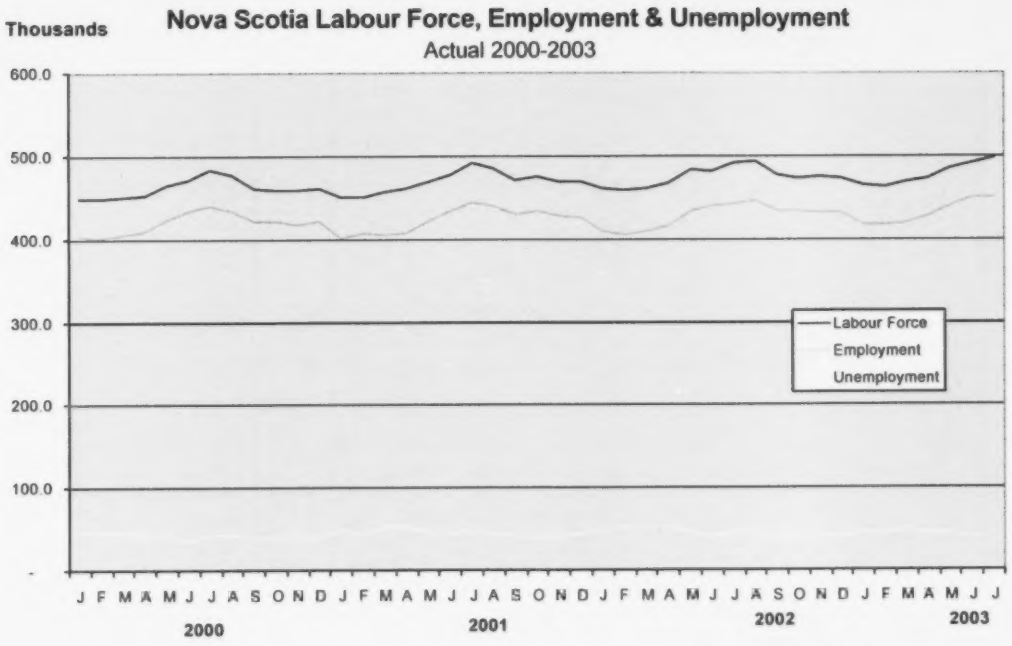

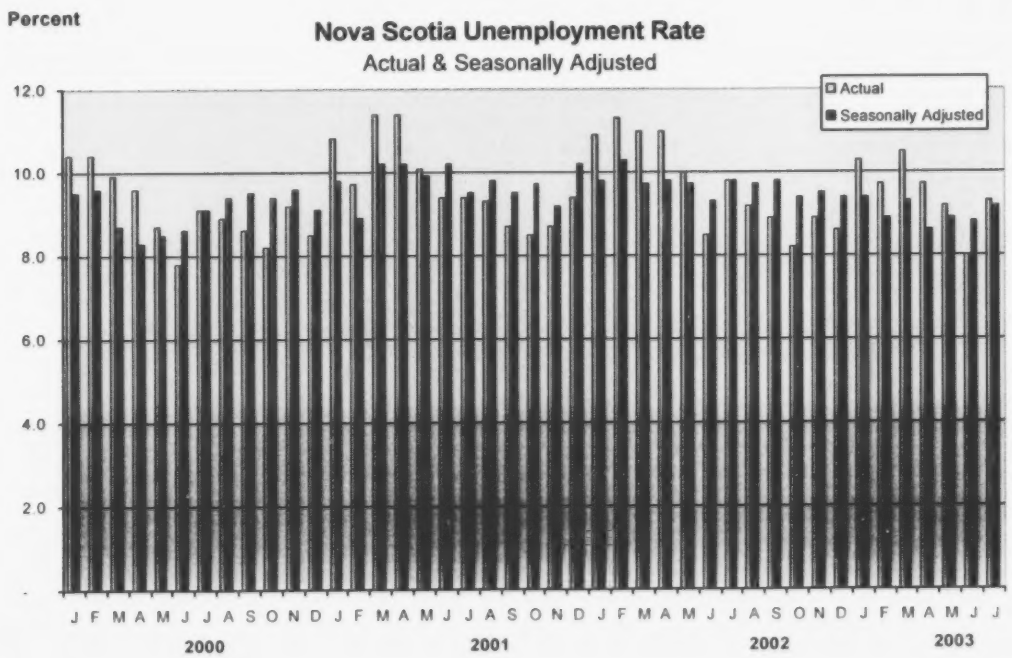

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Economic Regions/CMA
(unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Canada				Nova Scotia			
	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	24,933.7	25,208.0	25,236.6	302.9	755.3	759.3	759.7	4.4
Labour Force ('000)	16,946.2	17,105.6	17,321.1	374.9	485.2	483.1	491.3	6.1
Employment ('000)	15,667.9	15,784.3	15,988.2	320.3	439.5	439.8	447.8	8.3
Unemployed ('000)	1,278.2	1,321.3	1,332.9	54.7	45.7	43.3	43.5	(2.2)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	7.7	7.7	0.2	9.4	9.0	8.9	(0.5)
Participation Rate (%)	68.0	67.9	68.6	0.6	64.2	63.6	64.7	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	62.8	62.6	63.4	0.6	58.2	57.9	58.9	0.7

	230 - Annapolis Valley				210 - Cape Breton			
	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	101.5	102.0	102.0	0.5	120.8	119.9	119.8	(1.0)
Labour Force ('000)	64.6	62.3	62.8	(1.8)	67.2	65.0	66.1	(1.1)
Employment ('000)	59.5	56.7	57.0	(2.5)	56.4	55.1	56.1	(0.3)
Unemployed ('000)	5.1	5.6	5.8	0.7	10.7	9.8	9.9	(0.8)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.9	9.0	9.2	1.3	15.9	15.1	15.0	(0.9)
Participation Rate (%)	63.6	61.1	61.6	(2.0)	55.6	54.2	55.2	(0.4)
Employment Rate (%)	58.6	55.6	55.9	(2.7)	46.7	46.0	46.8	0.1

	250 - Halifax County				Halifax Metro (CMA)			
	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	295.9	299.9	300.2	4.3	283.9	287.9	288.2	4.3
Labour Force ('000)	208.8	207.5	211.6	2.8	202.6	201.0	204.8	2.2
Employment ('000)	193.1	194.5	198.2	5.1	187.1	188.2	191.7	4.6
Unemployed ('000)	15.7	13.0	13.4	(2.3)	15.5	12.8	13.0	(2.5)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	6.3	6.3	(1.2)	7.7	6.4	6.3	(1.4)
Participation Rate (%)	70.6	69.2	70.5	(0.1)	71.4	69.8	71.1	(0.3)
Employment Rate (%)	65.3	64.9	66.0	0.7	65.9	65.4	66.5	0.6

	220 - North Shore				240 - Southern			
	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	133.1	133.2	133.3	0.2	104.1	104.3	104.4	0.3
Labour Force ('000)	80.3	82.4	83.8	3.5	64.3	66.0	67.1	2.8
Employment ('000)	72.2	74.4	75.9	3.7	58.3	59.1	60.6	2.3
Unemployed ('000)	8.1	8.0	7.9	(0.2)	6.0	6.8	6.5	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.1	9.7	9.4	(0.7)	9.3	10.3	9.7	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	60.3	61.9	62.9	2.6	61.8	63.3	64.3	2.5
Employment Rate (%)	54.2	55.9	56.9	2.7	56.0	56.7	58.0	2.0

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Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change
Canada	15,430.8	15,733.9	15,720.6	289.8	12,572.4	12,754.5	12,758.8	186.4	2,858.4	2,979.5	2,961.9	103.5
Newfoundland and Labrador	216.2	218.2	217.8	1.6	180.9	185.8	186.2	5.3	35.3	32.4	31.6	(3.7)
Prince Edward Island	66.4	70.3	69.5	3.1	56.7	58.3	58.0	1.3	9.7	12.1	11.5	1.8
Nova Scotia	424.7	439.3	434.2	9.5	343.9	357.2	351.5	7.6	80.8	82.1	82.7	1.9
New Brunswick	343.5	343.7	345.3	1.8	290.2	290.1	291.7	1.5	53.3	53.6	53.6	0.3
Quebec	3,600.4	3,647.8	3,634.6	34.2	2,968.4	2,974.2	2,989.1	20.7	632.0	673.6	645.5	13.5
Ontario	6,051.9	6,226.8	6,219.1	167.2	4,977.5	5,059.1	5,060.1	82.6	1,074.4	1,167.8	1,159.0	84.6
Manitoba	568.6	569.5	571.1	2.5	449.5	458.8	457.4	7.9	119.1	110.7	113.6	(5.5)
Saskatchewan	480.1	488.7	487.1	7.0	383.4	388.2	386.3	2.9	96.7	100.5	100.8	4.1
Alberta	1,691.2	1,722.9	1,725.4	34.2	1,387.5	1,402.7	1,409.5	22.0	303.7	320.2	315.9	12.2
British Columbia	1,987.8	2,006.6	2,016.4	28.6	1,534.8	1,580.0	1,569.2	34.4	453.0	426.6	447.2	(5.8)

Employment - Actual (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change
Canada	15,810.9	16,074.6	16,090.4	279.5	13,257.5	13,201.9	13,449.9	192.4	2,553.5	2,872.7	2,640.6	87.1
Newfoundland and Labrador	240.7	238.0	242.4	1.7	207.5	205.9	212.9	5.4	33.2	32.1	29.5	(3.7)
Prince Edward Island	72.3	77.3	75.7	3.4	64.7	65.4	66.4	1.7	7.6	11.9	9.3	1.7
Nova Scotia	442.5	451.4	451.1	8.6	372.5	374.1	378.6	6.1	70.0	77.3	72.4	2.4
New Brunswick	364.2	362.1	365.7	1.5	317.5	311.9	319.3	1.8	46.6	50.2	46.4	(0.2)
Quebec	3,724.1	3,753.3	3,755.4	31.3	3,184.8	3,119.6	3,209.0	24.2	539.2	633.7	546.4	7.2
Ontario	6,154.5	6,312.2	6,309.0	154.5	5,186.3	5,177.3	5,263.9	77.6	968.3	1,135.0	1,045.1	76.8
Manitoba	576.9	579.9	579.1	2.2	475.9	473.6	483.1	7.2	100.9	106.4	96.1	(4.8)
Saskatchewan	494.2	501.5	500.3	6.1	408.2	403.9	409.8	1.6	86.0	97.6	90.5	4.5
Alberta	1,718.7	1,756.3	1,756.0	37.3	1,451.7	1,444.4	1,476.6	24.9	267.0	311.9	279.5	12.5
British Columbia	2,023.0	2,042.5	2,055.8	32.8	1,588.3	1,625.8	1,630.3	42.0	434.7	416.7	425.4	(9.3)

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Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change
Canada	2,733.6	2,799.7	2,789.3	55.7	2,365.6	2,410.2	2,395.3	29.7	13.5	13.9	14.1	0.6
Newfoundland and Labrador	38.5	38.5	39.5	1.0	30.8	30.4	30.8	-	20.0	20.8	22.0	2.0
Prince Edward Island	13.8	14.4	14.2	0.4	11.9	12.4	12.4	0.5	13.8	13.9	12.7	(1.1)
Nova Scotia	77.8	83.5	82.8	5.0	63.6	69.6	68.4	4.8	18.3	16.5	17.4	(0.9)
New Brunswick	62.8	62.9	62.4	(0.4)	53.0	50.6	52.0	(1.0)	15.6	19.6	16.7	1.1
Quebec	621.5	647.7	641.2	19.7	539.5	559.6	556.7	17.2	13.2	13.6	13.2	-
Ontario	1,036.9	1,080.4	1,057.4	20.5	894.9	909.3	896.3	1.4	13.7	15.8	15.2	1.5
Manitoba	110.8	108.2	108.4	(2.4)	99.5	98.4	97.9	(1.6)	10.3	9.0	9.7	(0.6)
Saskatchewan	93.1	95.9	93.3	0.2	83.0	85.9	83.4	0.4	10.8	10.5	10.6	(0.2)
Alberta	335.0	338.8	343.0	8.0	298.3	308.7	308.7	10.4	10.9	8.9	10.0	(0.9)
British Columbia	343.5	329.4	347.1	3.6	291.2	285.1	288.7	(2.5)	15.2	13.4	16.8	1.6

15-24 Age Group - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change
Canada	3,199.5	2,990.4	3,254.7	55.2	2,749.1	2,595.2	2,773.4	24.3	14.1	13.2	14.8	0.7
Newfoundland and Labrador	55.7	45.4	56.5	0.8	44.6	36.3	44.5	(0.1)	19.7	20.0	21.2	1.5
Prince Edward Island	17.8	16.5	18.3	0.5	15.9	15.1	16.6	0.7	11.2	9.1	9.3	(1.9)
Nova Scotia	96.3	87.8	101.8	5.5	78.7	75.0	83.5	4.8	18.4	14.6	18.0	(0.4)
New Brunswick	79.4	71.1	79.0	(0.4)	68.1	58.0	67.3	(0.8)	14.4	18.6	14.8	0.4
Quebec	744.3	713.9	761.8	17.5	643.5	616.5	660.7	17.2	13.5	13.6	13.3	(0.2)
Ontario	1,214.5	1,141.3	1,235.1	20.6	1,033.9	967.8	1,029.4	(4.5)	14.9	15.2	16.7	1.8
Manitoba	123.9	112.8	121.0	(2.9)	111.7	103.8	109.6	(2.1)	9.9	8.0	9.4	(0.5)
Saskatchewan	109.1	103.1	108.4	(0.7)	96.3	92.8	95.6	(0.7)	11.7	10.0	11.8	0.1
Alberta	372.4	358.2	361.3	8.9	331.0	330.4	343.5	12.5	11.1	7.8	9.9	(1.2)
British Columbia	386.0	340.2	391.4	5.4	325.5	299.6	322.7	(2.8)	15.7	12.0	17.6	1.9

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Employment by Sector

Canada - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change
All industries	**17,131.8**	**17,319.3**	**17,465.9**	**334.1**	**15,810.9**	**16,074.6**	**16,090.4**	**279.5**	**7.7**	**7.2**	**7.9**	**0.2**
Goods-Producing Sector	**4,404.1**	**4,370.6**	**4,434.2**	**30.1**	**4,165.5**	**4,116.8**	**4,173.4**	**7.9**	**5.4**	**5.8**	**5.9**	**0.5**
Agriculture	379.4	374.9	390.4	11.0	363.8	357.7	366.2	2.4	4.1	4.6	6.2	2.1
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	319.9	340.1	346.9	27.0	295.0	309.5	319.2	24.2	7.8	9.0	8.0	0.2
Utilities	140.4	135.7	133.5	(6.9)	137.3	133.8	132.1	(5.2)	2.1	1.4	-	(2.1)
Construction	1,016.9	1,049.5	1,072.4	55.5	956.7	986.9	1,006.7	50.0	5.9	6.0	6.1	0.2
Manufacturing	2,547.5	2,470.4	2,491.0	(56.5)	2,412.7	2,329.1	2,349.2	(63.5)	5.3	5.7	5.7	0.4
Services-Producing Sector	**12,237.7**	**12,518.4**	**12,568.8**	**321.1**	**11,645.4**	**11,957.8**	**11,917.0**	**271.6**	**4.8**	**4.5**	**5.1**	**0.3**
Trade	2,578.8	2,584.7	2,598.4	19.6	2,447.1	2,469.2	2,481.5	34.4	5.1	4.5	4.5	(0.6)
Transportation and Warehousing	808.3	805.8	802.4	(5.9)	774.5	779.2	768.1	(6.4)	4.2	3.3	4.3	0.1
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	936.2	955.0	973.1	36.9	914.4	928.4	943.3	28.9	2.3	2.8	3.1	0.8
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,055.7	1,064.6	1,065.2	9.5	1,005.9	1,022.5	1,017.2	11.3	4.7	4.0	4.5	(0.2)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	679.8	706.7	734.1	54.3	623.6	639.1	650.5	26.9	8.3	9.6	11.4	3.1
Educational Services	961.6	1,097.5	973.1	11.5	884.7	1,060.7	894.7	10.0	8.0	3.4	8.1	0.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,683.9	1,735.5	1,752.0	68.1	1,647.1	1,694.6	1,712.0	64.9	2.2	2.4	2.3	0.1
Information, Culture and Recreation	823.8	785.8	819.5	(4.3)	771.1	729.8	774.1	3.0	6.4	7.1	5.5	(0.9)
Accommodation and Food Services	1,129.0	1,154.7	1,185.6	56.6	1,053.1	1,059.4	1,083.3	30.2	6.7	8.3	8.6	1.9
Other Services	745.8	769.3	780.4	34.6	708.9	734.2	736.3	27.4	4.9	4.6	5.7	0.8
Public Administration	834.8	858.8	875.1	40.3	814.9	840.7	856.2	41.3	2.4	2.1	2.2	(0.2)
Unclassified Industries	489.9	430.3	472.8	(17.1)	-	-	-					

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	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change
All industries	**490.6**	**490.7**	**497.6**	**7.0**	**442.5**	**451.4**	**451.1**	**8.6**	**9.8**	**8.0**	**9.3**	**(0.5)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**116.9**	**116.5**	**119.7**	**2.8**	**103.9**	**104.9**	**106.2**	**2.3**	**11.1**	**10.0**	**11.3**	**0.2**
Agriculture	9.8	7.3	8.4	(1.4)	8.7	6.8	6.9	(1.8)	11.2	6.8	17.9	6.7
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	18.6	18.8	18.8	0.2	14.5	15.6	15.4	0.9	22.0	17.0	18.1	(3.9)
Utilities	3.3	2.9	2.8	(0.5)	3.1	2.9	2.8	(0.3)	-	-	-	-
Construction	30.9	31.2	30.6	(0.3)	26.9	28.0	27.4	0.5	12.6	10.3	10.5	(2.1)
Manufacturing	54.3	56.3	59.0	4.7	50.7	51.6	53.7	3.0	6.8	8.3	9.0	2.2
Services-Producing Sector	**362.8**	**365.1**	**366.5**	**3.7**	**338.6**	**346.5**	**344.9**	**6.3**	**6.7**	**5.1**	**5.9**	**(0.8)**
Trade	81.3	81.1	80.3	(1.0)	75.8	76.9	75.6	(0.2)	6.8	5.3	5.9	(0.9)
Transportation and Warehousing	21.9	22.0	22.3	0.4	20.8	21.2	21.4	0.6	5.0	3.6	4.0	(1.0)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	22.5	22.8	23.4	0.9	22.3	22.4	22.6	0.3	-	-	3.0	3.0
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	19.5	18.0	19.3	(0.2)	18.2	17.3	18.5	0.3	7.2	3.3	4.1	(3.1)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	26.2	25.1	28.1	1.9	23.4	22.6	25.6	2.4	10.7	10.0	8.2	(2.5)
Educational Services	31.0	32.9	28.4	(2.6)	27.2	31.9	25.2	(2.0)	12.3	3.0	11.3	(1.0)
Health Care and Social Assistance	54.8	56.4	56.5	1.7	53.5	54.6	54.6	1.1	2.6	3.2	3.4	0.8
Information, Culture and Recreation	22.7	19.2	19.5	(3.2)	21.1	18.0	18.4	(2.7)	7.0	6.3	5.6	(1.4)
Accommodation and Food Services	36.0	32.4	36.1	0.1	32.5	28.3	32.6	0.1	9.7	12.3	9.7	-
Other Services	22.1	25.4	23.4	1.3	20.6	24.3	21.6	1.0	6.8	4.7	7.7	0.9
Public Administration	24.8	29.6	29.1	4.3	23.3	28.9	28.5	5.2	6.0	2.4	2.1	(3.9)
Unclassified Industries	10.9	9.1	11.4	0.5	-	-	-					

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(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Unemployment Rate - %				Employment Rate - %				Participation Rate - %			
	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change	Jul 2002	Jun 2003	Jul 2003	Annual Change
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	9.0	9.2	9.5	0.5	62.9	63.1	63.3	0.4	69.2	69.5	69.9	0.7
Halifax	7.7	6.4	6.3	(1.4)	65.9	65.4	66.5	0.6	71.4	69.8	71.1	(0.3)
Saint John, New Brunswick	8.9	10.5	10.0	1.1	62.0	58.1	58.8	(3.2)	68.1	65.0	65.3	(2.8)
Saguenay	11.2	11.9	9.9	(1.3)	52.8	53.7	55.4	2.6	59.5	60.9	61.6	2.1
Québec	5.5	6.2	5.2	(0.3)	65.4	64.3	65.8	0.4	69.3	68.6	69.4	0.1
Trois-Rivières	8.1	10.1	10.7	2.6	58.2	56.8	56.7	(1.5)	63.2	63.1	63.5	0.3
Sherbrooke	7.1	6.4	6.9	(0.2)	62.0	61.5	62.7	0.7	66.7	65.7	67.4	0.7
Montréal	8.3	9.9	9.9	1.6	62.6	61.6	62.1	(0.5)	68.2	68.4	68.8	0.6
Ottawa-Gatineau	7.2	6.3	6.6	(0.6)	65.0	67.8	68.3	3.3	70.1	72.4	73.1	3.0
Sudbury	8.9	7.4	8.0	(0.9)	59.4	58.4	58.1	(1.3)	65.2	63.0	63.1	(2.1)
Oshawa	6.4	5.4	5.8	(0.6)	64.5	70.4	70.7	6.2	68.9	74.4	75.1	6.2
Toronto	7.7	8.1	8.6	0.9	64.8	64.6	64.8	-	70.2	70.3	70.8	0.6
Hamilton	7.8	5.8	6.4	(1.4)	62.8	63.7	64.6	1.8	68.1	67.7	69.1	1.0
St. Catharines - Niagara	6.4	6.5	6.3	(0.1)	61.1	60.1	61.6	0.5	65.2	64.3	65.8	0.6
London	8.3	7.4	7.2	(1.1)	63.3	63.0	63.5	0.2	69.0	68.0	68.4	(0.6)
Windsor	8.9	6.9	7.4	(1.5)	62.2	62.0	62.3	0.1	68.2	66.6	67.2	(1.0)
Kitchener	5.4	6.1	6.5	1.1	66.3	66.4	66.3	-	70.1	70.7	71.0	0.9
Thunder Bay	6.4	6.3	5.8	(0.6)	60.6	64.0	65.0	4.4	64.7	68.2	69.0	4.3
Winnipeg	5.1	4.4	4.7	(0.4)	67.8	67.7	68.1	0.3	71.5	70.8	71.5	-
Regina	5.6	5.3	5.8	0.2	69.8	67.9	68.1	(1.7)	74.0	71.6	72.2	(1.8)
Saskatoon	6.2	5.9	5.9	(0.3)	66.6	67.7	68.4	1.8	71.1	71.9	72.7	1.6
Calgary	6.4	5.2	4.9	(1.5)	71.9	71.4	72.4	0.5	76.7	75.3	76.1	(0.6)
Edmonton	5.6	5.8	5.3	(0.3)	69.6	68.4	69.5	(0.1)	73.7	72.6	73.4	(0.3)
Vancouver	7.9	7.2	7.7	(0.2)	62.3	62.2	62.5	0.2	67.7	67.0	67.7	-
Victoria	7.0	7.1	7.2	0.2	58.3	58.3	59.1	0.8	62.7	62.7	63.7	1.0

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About the Employment Situation Report

Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at: http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm

The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

Release Dates - 2003:

Data for:	**Release date:**
January 2003	February 7, 2003
February 2003	March 7, 2003
March 2003	April 4, 2003
April 2003	May 9, 2003
May 2003	June 6, 2003
June 2003	July 11, 2003
July 2003	August 8, 2003
August 2003	September 5, 2003
September 2003	October 10, 2003
October 2003	November 7, 2003
November 2003	December 5, 2003
December 2003	January 9, 2004
January 2004	February 6, 2004

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Canada

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	24,988.8	25,263.9	25,285.8	297.0	24,988.8	25,263.9	25,285.8	297.0
Labour Force ('000)	17,172.9	17,465.9	17,486.0	313.1	16,749.2	17,042.4	17,067.8	318.6
Employment ('000)	15,850.2	16,090.4	16,048.7	198.5	15,487.3	15,720.6	15,701.6	214.3
Unemployed ('000)	1,322.6	1,375.4	1,437.3	114.7	1,261.9	1,321.8	1,366.2	104.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	7.9	8.2	0.5	7.5	7.8	8.0	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	68.7	69.1	69.2	0.5	67.0	67.5	67.5	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	63.4	63.7	63.5	0.1	62.0	62.2	62.1	0.1

Nova Scotia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	756.3	760.1	760.7	4.4	756.3	760.1	760.7	4.4
Labour Force ('000)	492.5	497.6	498.9	6.4	476.3	478.4	483.8	7.5
Employment ('000)	447.3	451.1	449.2	1.9	429.9	434.2	432.9	3.0
Unemployed ('000)	45.2	46.5	49.7	4.5	46.4	44.1	51.0	4.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.2	9.3	10.0	0.8	9.7	9.2	10.5	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	65.1	65.5	65.6	0.5	63.0	62.9	63.6	0.6
Employment Rate (%)	59.1	59.3	59.1	-	56.8	57.1	56.9	0.1

Newfoundland and Labrador

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	438.9	438.5	438.6	(0.3)	438.9	438.5	438.6	(0.3)
Labour Force ('000)	273.5	282.3	275.8	2.3	257.6	258.8	260.3	2.7
Employment ('000)	232.8	242.4	236.6	3.8	216.1	217.8	219.6	3.5
Unemployed ('000)	40.7	39.9	39.2	(1.5)	41.5	41.0	40.7	(0.8)
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.9	14.1	14.2	(0.7)	16.1	15.8	15.6	(0.5)
Participation Rate (%)	62.3	64.4	62.9	0.6	58.7	59.0	59.3	0.6
Employment Rate (%)	53.0	55.3	53.9	0.9	49.2	49.7	50.1	0.9

Prince Edward Island

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	112.0	113.4	113.4	1.4	112.0	113.4	113.4	1.4
Labour Force ('000)	81.7	83.0	83.1	1.4	76.9	77.7	77.7	0.8
Employment ('000)	74.0	75.7	76.5	2.5	67.4	69.5	69.7	2.3
Unemployed ('000)	7.7	7.3	6.6	(1.1)	9.5	8.1	8.0	(1.5)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.4	8.8	7.9	(1.5)	12.4	10.4	10.3	(2.1)
Participation Rate (%)	72.9	73.2	73.3	0.4	68.7	68.5	68.5	(0.2)
Employment Rate (%)	66.1	66.8	67.5	1.4	60.2	61.3	61.5	1.3

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New Brunswick

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	608.2	609.7	610.0	1.8	608.2	609.7	610.0	1.8
Labour Force ('000)	405.8	404.6	401.2	(4.6)	384.0	385.7	381.0	(3.0)
Employment ('000)	367.8	365.7	360.3	(7.5)	343.9	345.3	338.6	(5.3)
Unemployed ('000)	38.0	38.8	41.0	3.0	40.1	40.4	42.4	2.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.4	9.6	10.2	0.8	10.4	10.5	11.1	0.7
Participation Rate (%)	66.7	66.4	65.8	(0.9)	63.1	63.3	62.5	(0.6)
Employment Rate (%)	60.5	60.0	59.1	(1.4)	56.5	56.6	55.5	(1.0)

Quebec

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	6,039.1	6,084.6	6,088.1	49.0	6,039.1	6,084.6	6,088.1	49.0
Labour Force ('000)	4,017.9	4,116.3	4,113.2	95.3	3,931.9	4,000.5	4,022.2	90.3
Employment ('000)	3,682.1	3,755.4	3,710.3	28.2	3,594.8	3,634.6	3,621.4	26.6
Unemployed ('000)	335.9	360.9	402.9	67.0	337.1	365.8	400.8	63.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.4	8.8	9.8	1.4	8.6	9.1	10.0	1.4
Participation Rate (%)	66.5	67.7	67.6	1.1	65.1	65.7	66.1	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	61.0	61.7	60.9	(0.1)	59.5	59.7	59.5	-

Ontario

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	9,651.8	9,790.3	9,800.9	149.1	9,651.8	9,790.3	9,800.9	149.1
Labour Force ('000)	6,738.2	6,841.7	6,854.7	116.5	6,562.9	6,704.2	6,691.5	128.6
Employment ('000)	6,223.7	6,309.0	6,326.3	102.6	6,093.7	6,219.1	6,213.2	119.5
Unemployed ('000)	514.4	532.7	528.3	13.9	469.2	485.1	478.3	9.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.6	7.8	7.7	0.1	7.1	7.2	7.1	-
Participation Rate (%)	69.8	69.9	69.9	0.1	68.0	68.5	68.3	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	64.5	64.4	64.5	-	63.1	63.5	63.4	0.3

Manitoba

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	865.2	868.4	868.8	3.6	865.2	868.4	868.8	3.6
Labour Force ('000)	608.9	610.8	612.1	3.2	597.7	601.5	601.3	3.6
Employment ('000)	574.3	579.1	578.5	4.2	566.8	571.1	572.0	5.2
Unemployed ('000)	34.7	31.7	33.6	(1.1)	31.0	30.5	29.4	(1.6)
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	5.2	5.5	(0.2)	5.2	5.1	4.9	(0.3)
Participation Rate (%)	70.4	70.3	70.5	0.1	69.1	69.3	69.2	0.1
Employment Rate (%)	66.4	66.7	66.6	0.2	65.5	65.8	65.8	0.3

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Saskatchewan

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	758.9	755.8	755.8	(3.1)	758.9	755.8	755.8	(3.1)
Labour Force ('000)	527.3	530.6	531.8	4.5	510.1	515.2	515.2	5.1
Employment ('000)	496.4	500.3	499.3	2.9	482.3	487.1	486.1	3.8
Unemployed ('000)	30.9	30.3	32.5	1.6	27.8	28.1	29.1	1.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.9	5.7	6.1	0.2	5.4	5.5	5.6	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	69.5	70.2	70.4	0.9	67.2	68.2	68.2	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	65.4	66.2	66.1	0.7	63.6	64.4	64.3	0.7

Alberta

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	2,427.1	2,475.4	2,478.6	51.5	2,427.1	2,475.4	2,478.6	51.5
Labour Force ('000)	1,816.2	1,847.6	1,853.2	37.0	1,784.1	1,814.2	1,818.3	34.2
Employment ('000)	1,716.6	1,756.0	1,751.9	35.3	1,690.8	1,725.4	1,724.8	34.0
Unemployed ('000)	99.6	91.6	101.3	1.7	93.2	88.8	93.5	0.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	5.0	5.5	-	5.2	4.9	5.1	(0.1)
Participation Rate (%)	74.8	74.6	74.8	-	73.5	73.3	73.4	(0.1)
Employment Rate (%)	70.7	70.9	70.7	-	69.7	69.7	69.6	(0.1)

British Columbia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	3,331.3	3,367.8	3,370.9	39.6	3,331.3	3,367.8	3,370.9	39.6
Labour Force ('000)	2,210.9	2,251.4	2,262.0	51.1	2,167.7	2,206.2	2,216.4	48.7
Employment ('000)	2,035.3	2,055.8	2,059.9	24.6	2,001.6	2,016.4	2,023.3	21.7
Unemployed ('000)	175.7	195.7	202.2	26.5	166.1	189.8	193.1	27.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.9	8.7	8.9	1.0	7.7	8.6	8.7	1.0
Participation Rate (%)	66.4	66.9	67.1	0.7	65.1	65.5	65.8	0.7
Employment Rate (%)	61.1	61.0	61.1	-	60.1	59.9	60.0	(0.1)

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.
Annual Change is in thousands or percentage points as shown in row headings.

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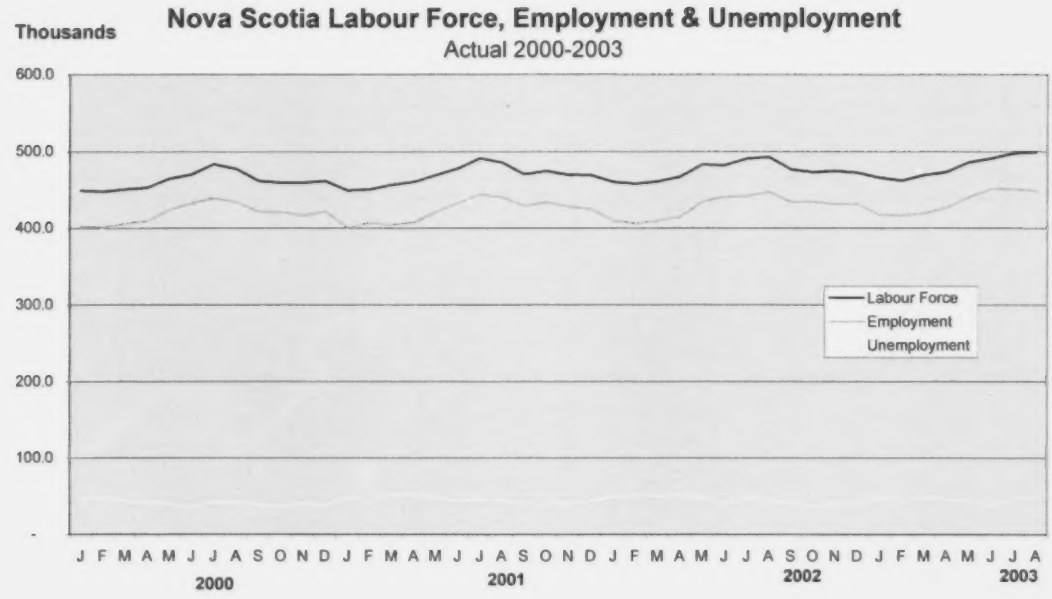

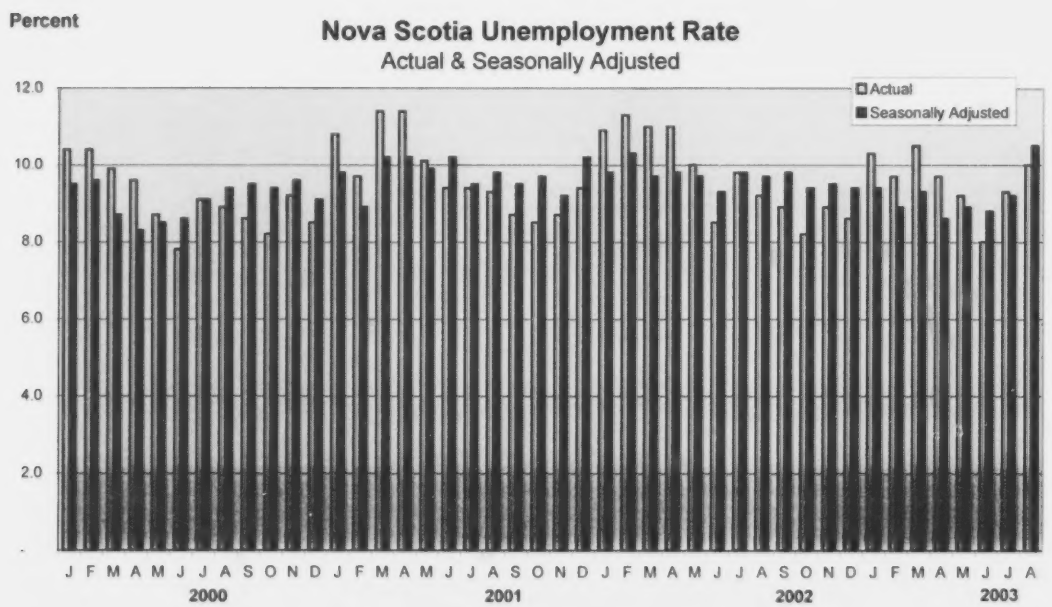

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Employment Situation - August 2003
Economic Regions/CMA
(unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Canada				Nova Scotia			
	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	24,962.0	25,236.6	25,263.1	301.1	755.9	759.7	760.1	4.2
Labour Force ('000)	17,075.3	17,321.1	17,423.7	348.4	488.4	491.3	495.7	7.3
Employment ('000)	15,795.0	15,988.2	16,071.3	276.3	443.7	447.8	450.5	6.8
Unemployed ('000)	1,280.3	1,332.9	1,352.5	72.2	44.7	43.5	45.2	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	7.7	7.8	0.3	9.2	8.9	9.1	(0.1)
Participation Rate (%)	68.4	68.6	69.0	0.6	64.6	64.7	65.2	0.6
Employment Rate (%)	63.3	63.4	63.6	0.3	58.7	58.9	59.3	0.6

	230 - Annapolis Valley				210 - Cape Breton			
	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	101.5	102.0	102.1	0.6	120.7	119.8	119.7	(1.0)
Labour Force ('000)	65.9	62.8	63.7	(2.2)	67.2	66.1	67.3	0.1
Employment ('000)	61.0	57.0	58.0	(3.0)	56.6	56.1	56.5	(0.1)
Unemployed ('000)	5.0	5.8	5.7	0.7	10.6	9.9	10.8	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.6	9.2	8.9	1.3	15.8	15.0	16.0	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	64.9	61.6	62.4	(2.5)	55.7	55.2	56.2	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	60.1	55.9	56.8	(3.3)	46.9	46.8	47.2	0.3

	250 - Halifax County				Halifax Metro (CMA)			
	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	296.3	300.2	300.6	4.3	284.3	288.2	288.6	4.3
Labour Force ('000)	208.8	211.6	213.5	4.7	202.7	204.8	206.9	4.2
Employment ('000)	193.5	198.2	198.9	5.4	187.9	191.7	192.8	4.9
Unemployed ('000)	15.3	13.4	14.6	(0.7)	14.8	13.0	14.1	(0.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.3	6.3	6.8	(0.5)	7.3	6.3	6.8	(0.5)
Participation Rate (%)	70.5	70.5	71.0	0.5	71.3	71.1	71.7	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	65.3	66.0	66.2	0.9	66.1	66.5	66.8	0.7

	220 - North Shore				240 - Southern			
	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	133.2	133.3	133.3	0.1	104.1	104.4	104.4	0.3
Labour Force ('000)	81.1	83.8	84.2	3.1	65.3	67.1	67.1	1.8
Employment ('000)	73.3	75.9	76.6	3.3	59.3	60.6	60.6	1.3
Unemployed ('000)	7.8	7.9	7.7	(0.1)	6.0	6.5	6.5	0.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.6	9.4	9.1	(0.5)	9.2	9.7	9.7	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	60.9	62.9	63.2	2.3	62.7	64.3	64.3	1.6
Employment Rate (%)	55.0	56.9	57.5	2.5	57.0	58.0	58.0	1.0

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Employment Situation - August 2003
Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change
Canada	15,487.3	15,720.6	15,701.6	214.3	12,592.6	12,758.8	12,736.5	143.9	2,894.8	2,961.9	2,965.1	70.3
Newfoundland and Labrador	216.1	217.8	219.6	3.5	180.5	186.2	189.3	8.8	35.6	31.6	30.3	(5.3)
Prince Edward Island	67.4	69.5	69.7	2.3	56.4	58.0	58.8	2.4	11.0	11.5	10.9	(0.1)
Nova Scotia	429.9	434.2	432.9	3.0	348.0	351.5	349.4	1.4	81.8	82.7	83.5	1.7
New Brunswick	343.9	345.3	338.6	(5.3)	289.4	291.7	286.4	(3.0)	54.5	53.6	52.2	(2.3)
Quebec	3,594.8	3,634.6	3,621.4	26.6	2,954.0	2,989.1	2,970.5	16.5	640.8	645.5	650.9	10.1
Ontario	6,093.7	6,219.1	6,213.2	119.5	5,002.8	5,060.1	5,061.8	59.0	1,090.8	1,159.0	1,151.4	60.6
Manitoba	566.8	571.1	572.0	5.2	448.4	457.4	458.7	10.3	118.4	113.6	113.2	(5.2)
Saskatchewan	482.3	487.1	486.1	3.8	384.5	386.3	387.2	2.7	97.8	100.8	98.9	1.1
Alberta	1,690.8	1,725.4	1,724.8	34.0	1,384.6	1,409.5	1,413.9	29.3	306.2	315.9	310.9	4.7
British Columbia	2,001.6	2,016.4	2,023.3	21.7	1,544.5	1,569.2	1,560.4	15.9	457.1	447.2	462.9	5.8

Employment - Actual (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change
Canada	15,850.2	16,090.4	16,048.7	198.5	13,305.2	13,449.9	13,443.8	138.6	2,545.0	2,640.6	2,604.9	59.9
Newfoundland and Labrador	232.8	242.4	236.6	3.8	201.1	212.9	209.9	8.8	31.7	29.5	26.6	(5.1)
Prince Edward Island	74.0	75.7	76.5	2.5	65.6	66.4	68.1	2.5	8.4	9.3	8.4	-
Nova Scotia	447.3	451.1	449.2	1.9	376.4	378.6	376.8	0.4	70.9	72.4	72.4	1.5
New Brunswick	367.8	365.7	360.3	(7.5)	320.5	319.3	315.9	(4.6)	47.3	46.4	44.4	(2.9)
Quebec	3,682.1	3,755.4	3,710.3	28.2	3,136.4	3,209.0	3,157.6	21.2	545.7	546.4	552.7	7.0
Ontario	6,223.7	6,309.0	6,326.3	102.6	5,252.1	5,263.9	5,300.3	48.2	971.6	1,045.1	1,026.0	54.4
Manitoba	574.3	579.1	578.5	4.2	473.3	483.1	482.6	9.3	100.9	96.1	95.9	(5.0)
Saskatchewan	496.4	500.3	499.3	2.9	411.8	409.8	413.3	1.5	84.6	90.5	86.1	1.5
Alberta	1,716.6	1,756.0	1,751.9	35.3	1,453.9	1,476.6	1,487.2	33.3	262.6	279.5	264.7	2.1
British Columbia	2,035.3	2,055.8	2,059.9	24.6	1,614.0	1,630.3	1,632.1	18.1	421.3	425.4	427.7	6.4

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Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change
Canada	2,767.0	2,789.3	2,796.5	29.5	2,385.1	2,395.3	2,392.7	7.6	13.8	14.1	14.4	0.6
Newfoundland and Labrador	40.2	39.5	40.5	0.3	31.2	30.8	31.4	0.2	22.4	22.0	22.5	0.1
Prince Edward Island	14.1	14.2	14.2	0.1	12.0	12.4	12.7	0.7	15.6	12.7	10.6	(5.0)
Nova Scotia	80.0	82.8	83.1	3.1	66.6	68.4	65.7	(0.9)	16.8	17.4	21.1	4.3
New Brunswick	63.4	62.4	60.3	(3.1)	53.4	52.0	48.3	(5.1)	15.8	16.7	19.9	4.1
Quebec	630.7	641.2	653.2	22.5	536.4	556.7	557.7	21.3	15.0	13.2	14.6	(0.4)
Ontario	1,050.8	1,057.4	1,056.4	5.6	904.6	896.3	895.6	(9.0)	13.9	15.2	15.2	1.3
Manitoba	108.8	108.4	108.0	(0.8)	97.3	97.9	98.0	0.7	10.7	9.7	9.3	(1.4)
Saskatchewan	93.1	93.3	94.0	0.9	83.7	83.4	84.3	0.6	10.1	10.6	10.3	0.2
Alberta	333.4	343.0	338.7	5.3	296.9	308.7	308.6	11.7	10.9	10.0	8.9	(2.0)
British Columbia	352.4	347.1	348.0	(4.4)	303.1	288.7	290.5	(12.6)	14.0	16.8	16.6	2.6

15-24 Age Group - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change
Canada	3,134.3	3,254.7	3,168.7	34.4	2,734.4	2,773.4	2,740.5	6.1	12.8	14.8	13.5	0.7
Newfoundland and Labrador	50.5	56.5	51.1	0.6	40.8	44.5	41.4	0.6	19.2	21.2	19.0	(0.2)
Prince Edward Island	17.6	18.3	18.0	0.4	15.8	16.6	16.7	0.9	10.2	9.3	6.7	(3.5)
Nova Scotia	95.2	101.8	96.7	1.5	82.7	83.5	80.4	(2.3)	13.1	18.0	16.8	3.7
New Brunswick	78.1	79.0	74.3	(3.8)	68.5	67.3	62.6	(5.9)	12.3	14.8	15.7	3.4
Quebec	698.2	761.8	727.6	29.4	606.0	660.7	632.2	26.2	13.2	13.3	13.1	(0.1)
Ontario	1,212.2	1,235.1	1,214.1	1.9	1,050.7	1,029.4	1,033.9	(16.8)	13.3	16.7	14.8	1.5
Manitoba	119.2	121.0	118.2	(1.0)	108.1	109.6	108.7	0.6	9.3	9.4	8.0	(1.3)
Saskatchewan	107.8	108.4	108.2	0.4	97.4	95.6	97.8	0.4	9.6	11.8	9.7	0.1
Alberta	366.3	381.3	373.9	7.6	328.6	343.5	342.4	13.8	10.3	9.9	8.5	(1.8)
British Columbia	389.2	391.4	386.6	(2.6)	335.8	322.7	324.4	(11.4)	13.7	17.6	16.1	2.4

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Employment Situation - August 2003
Employment by Sector

Canada - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change
All industries	**17,172.9**	**17,465.9**	**17,486.0**	**313.1**	**15,850.2**	**16,090.4**	**16,048.7**	**198.5**	**7.7**	**7.9**	**8.2**	**0.5**
Goods-Producing Sector	**4,447.4**	**4,434.2**	**4,435.7**	**(11.7)**	**4,200.0**	**4,173.4**	**4,184.5**	**(15.5)**	**5.6**	**5.9**	**5.7**	**0.1**
Agriculture	384.6	390.4	390.8	6.2	370.2	366.2	369.3	(0.9)	3.7	6.2	5.5	1.8
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	318.4	346.9	335.8	17.4	290.2	319.2	309.1	18.9	8.9	8.0	8.0	(0.9)
Utilities	137.8	133.5	138.4	0.6	134.8	132.1	135.3	0.5	2.2	-	2.2	-
Construction	1,019.8	1,072.4	1,076.9	57.1	961.4	1,006.7	1,011.3	49.9	5.7	6.1	6.1	0.4
Manufacturing	2,586.8	2,491.0	2,493.8	(93.0)	2,443.4	2,349.2	2,359.5	(83.9)	5.5	5.7	5.4	(0.1)
Services-Producing Sector	**12,301.1**	**12,558.8**	**12,594.5**	**293.4**	**11,650.2**	**11,917.0**	**11,864.3**	**214.1**	**5.3**	**5.1**	**5.8**	**0.5**
Trade	2,575.0	2,598.4	2,595.7	20.7	2,452.2	2,481.5	2,480.0	27.8	4.8	4.5	4.5	(0.3)
Transportation and Warehousing	803.1	802.4	820.3	17.2	763.7	768.1	775.7	12.0	4.9	4.3	5.4	0.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	942.0	973.1	969.2	27.2	919.1	943.3	943.2	24.1	2.4	3.1	2.7	0.3
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,056.6	1,065.2	1,049.0	(7.6)	1,002.2	1,017.2	1,004.1	1.9	5.1	4.5	4.3	(0.8)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	693.4	734.1	719.8	26.4	635.3	650.5	631.8	(3.5)	8.4	11.4	12.2	3.8
Educational Services	1,014.0	973.1	1,030.3	16.3	890.7	894.7	886.1	(4.6)	12.2	8.1	14.0	1.8
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,688.7	1,752.0	1,738.2	49.5	1,641.0	1,712.0	1,692.0	51.0	2.8	2.3	2.7	(0.1)
Information, Culture and Recreation	830.1	819.5	825.3	(4.8)	786.4	774.1	773.9	(12.5)	5.3	5.5	6.2	0.9
Accommodation and Food Services	1,123.8	1,185.6	1,179.9	56.1	1,048.6	1,083.3	1,078.3	29.7	6.7	8.6	8.6	1.9
Other Services	748.9	780.4	778.6	29.7	707.7	736.3	733.5	25.8	5.5	5.7	5.8	0.3
Public Administration	825.5	875.1	888.2	62.7	803.5	856.2	865.5	62.0	2.7	2.2	2.6	(0.1)
Unclassified Industries	424.3	472.8	455.8	31.5	-	-	-					

Nova Scotia - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change
All industries	**492.5**	**497.6**	**498.9**	**6.4**	**447.3**	**451.1**	**449.2**	**1.9**	**9.2**	**9.3**	**10.0**	**0.8**
Goods-Producing Sector	**117.5**	**119.7**	**114.5**	**(3.0)**	**105.5**	**106.2**	**101.8**	**(3.7)**	**10.2**	**11.3**	**11.1**	**0.9**
Agriculture	7.5	8.4	8.9	1.4	7.3	6.9	7.8	0.5	-	17.9	12.4	12.4
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	18.5	18.8	17.2	(1.3)	15.5	15.4	14.0	(1.5)	16.2	18.1	18.6	2.4
Utilities	3.5	2.8	2.9	(0.6)	2.7	2.8	2.8	0.1	20.0	-	-	(20.0)
Construction	31.9	30.6	28.8	(3.1)	27.8	27.4	26.0	(1.8)	13.2	10.5	10.1	(3.1)
Manufacturing	56.0	59.0	56.6	0.6	52.2	53.7	51.3	(0.9)	6.8	9.0	9.4	2.6
Services-Producing Sector	**366.3**	**366.5**	**373.6**	**7.3**	**341.8**	**344.9**	**347.3**	**5.5**	**6.7**	**5.9**	**7.0**	**0.3**
Trade	81.0	80.3	78.7	(2.3)	76.5	75.6	74.1	(2.4)	5.6	5.9	5.8	0.2
Transportation and Warehousing	20.6	22.3	23.2	2.6	19.3	21.4	21.4	2.1	6.3	4.0	7.8	1.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	23.5	23.4	22.3	(1.2)	23.0	22.6	21.5	(1.5)	-	3.0	3.6	3.6
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	19.3	19.3	19.7	0.4	18.3	18.5	18.6	0.3	5.2	4.1	5.6	0.4
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	25.7	28.1	28.0	2.3	22.9	25.8	24.6	1.7	10.9	8.2	12.1	1.2
Educational Services	33.4	28.4	32.2	(1.2)	27.2	25.2	26.4	(0.8)	18.6	11.3	18.0	(0.6)
Health Care and Social Assistance	56.4	56.5	57.3	0.9	54.2	54.6	55.7	1.5	3.9	3.4	2.6	(1.3)
Information, Culture and Recreation	22.7	19.5	22.0	(0.7)	21.3	18.4	20.9	(0.4)	6.2	5.6	5.0	(1.2)
Accommodation and Food Services	35.4	36.1	37.3	1.9	33.1	32.6	35.0	1.9	6.5	9.7	6.2	(0.3)
Other Services	23.4	23.4	23.2	(0.2)	21.8	21.6	19.8	(2.0)	6.8	7.7	14.2	7.4
Public Administration	25.1	29.1	29.7	4.6	24.2	28.5	29.3	5.1	3.6	2.1	-	(3.6)
Unclassified Industries	8.6	11.4	10.8	2.2	-	-	-					

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Employment Situation - August 2003

CMA Data

(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Unemployment Rate - %				Employment Rate - %				Participation Rate - %			
	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change	Aug 2002	Jul 2003	Aug 2003	Annual Change
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	9.4	9.5	9.3	(0.1)	63.1	63.3	63.5	0.4	69.7	69.9	70.0	0.3
Halifax	7.3	6.3	6.8	(0.5)	66.1	66.5	66.8	0.7	71.3	71.1	71.7	0.4
Saint John, New Brunswick	7.8	10.0	9.3	1.5	63.1	58.8	58.8	(4.3)	68.5	65.3	64.8	(3.7)
Saguenay	10.7	9.9	9.5	(1.2)	53.3	55.4	57.0	3.7	59.6	61.6	62.9	3.3
Québec	6.1	5.2	5.5	(0.6)	64.8	65.8	65.9	1.1	69.0	69.4	69.7	0.7
Trois-Rivières	9.1	10.7	11.2	2.1	57.9	56.7	56.0	(1.9)	63.8	63.5	63.1	(0.7)
Sherbrooke	6.6	6.9	7.8	1.2	63.4	62.7	63.4	-	67.9	67.4	68.7	0.8
Montréal	8.4	9.9	10.1	1.7	62.7	62.1	62.0	(0.7)	68.5	68.8	69.0	0.5
Ottawa-Gatineau	7.4	6.6	6.6	(0.8)	65.6	68.3	68.2	2.6	70.8	73.1	73.0	2.2
Sudbury	9.5	8.0	9.0	(0.5)	59.4	58.1	58.2	(1.2)	65.7	63.1	63.9	(1.8)
Oshawa	6.4	5.8	5.7	(0.7)	65.0	70.7	70.7	5.7	69.4	75.1	74.9	5.5
Toronto	8.2	8.6	8.9	0.7	65.0	64.8	64.8	(0.2)	70.8	70.8	71.1	0.3
Hamilton	7.3	6.4	6.6	(0.7)	62.9	64.6	65.4	2.5	67.8	69.1	70.0	2.2
St. Catharines - Niagara	5.7	6.3	6.3	0.6	62.3	61.6	62.6	0.3	66.1	65.8	66.7	0.6
London	7.6	7.2	7.2	(0.4)	64.3	63.5	64.0	(0.3)	69.6	68.4	69.0	(0.6)
Windsor	8.9	7.4	7.4	(1.5)	62.3	62.3	62.9	0.6	68.4	67.2	67.8	(0.6)
Kitchener	5.5	6.5	6.5	1.0	66.5	66.3	66.2	(0.3)	70.4	71.0	70.8	0.4
Thunder Bay	6.5	5.8	5.6	(0.9)	61.3	65.0	64.9	3.6	65.6	69.0	68.8	3.2
Winnipeg	5.3	4.7	5.1	(0.2)	68.2	68.1	68.0	(0.2)	72.1	71.5	71.6	(0.5)
Regina	5.5	5.8	6.2	0.7	69.7	68.1	68.3	(1.4)	73.8	72.2	72.8	(1.0)
Saskatoon	6.5	5.9	6.0	(0.5)	67.6	68.4	68.6	1.0	72.3	72.7	73.0	0.7
Calgary	6.1	4.9	4.9	(1.2)	72.6	72.4	72.7	0.1	77.3	76.1	76.4	(0.9)
Edmonton	5.2	5.3	5.1	(0.1)	69.8	69.5	69.7	(0.1)	73.6	73.4	73.4	(0.2)
Vancouver	7.3	7.7	8.0	0.7	63.1	62.5	63.2	0.1	68.0	67.7	68.7	0.7
Victoria	7.2	7.2	7.2	-	58.5	59.1	59.8	1.3	63.1	63.7	64.4	1.3

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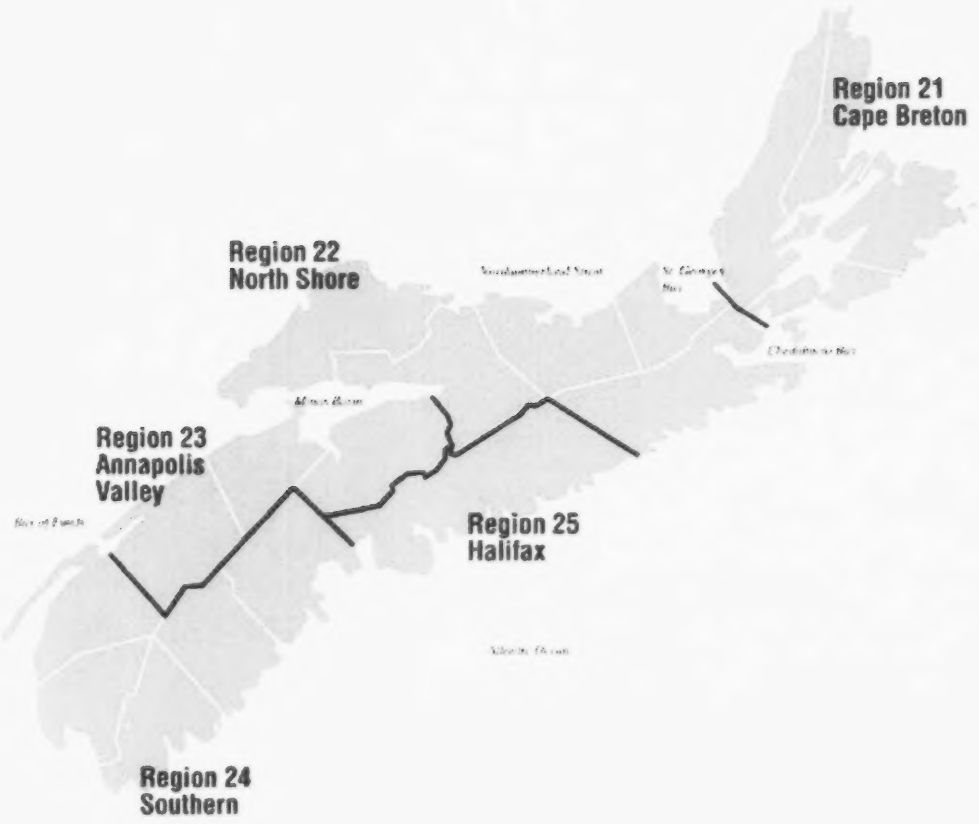

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About the Employment Situation Report

Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at: http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm

The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

Release Dates - 2003:

Data for:	**Release date:**
January 2003	February 7, 2003
February 2003	March 7, 2003
March 2003	April 4, 2003
April 2003	May 9, 2003
May 2003	June 6, 2003
June 2003	July 11, 2003
July 2003	August 8, 2003
August 2003	September 5, 2003
September 2003	October 10, 2003
October 2003	November 7, 2003
November 2003	December 5, 2003
December 2003	January 9, 2004
January 2004	February 6, 2004

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Canada

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,023.9	25,285.8	25,321.2	297.3	25,023.9	25,285.8	25,321.2	297.3
Labour Force ('000)	16,790.2	17,486.0	17,092.8	302.6	16,813.8	17,067.8	17,117.6	303.8
Employment ('000)	15,613.4	16,048.7	15,832.6	219.2	15,523.6	15,701.6	15,747.9	224.3
Unemployed ('000)	1,176.8	1,437.3	1,260.1	83.3	1,290.2	1,366.2	1,369.6	79.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.0	8.2	7.4	0.4	7.7	8.0	8.0	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	67.1	69.2	67.5	0.4	67.2	67.5	67.6	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	62.4	63.5	62.5	0.1	62.0	62.1	62.2	0.2

Nova Scotia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	757.0	760.7	761.0	4.0	757.0	760.7	761.0	4.0
Labour Force ('000)	476.3	498.9	482.8	6.5	476.2	483.8	483.0	6.8
Employment ('000)	434.1	449.2	440.4	6.3	429.6	432.9	436.2	6.6
Unemployed ('000)	42.2	49.7	42.5	0.3	46.6	51.0	46.8	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.9	10.0	8.8	(0.1)	9.8	10.5	9.7	(0.1)
Participation Rate (%)	62.9	65.6	63.4	0.5	62.9	63.6	63.5	0.6
Employment Rate (%)	57.3	59.1	57.9	0.6	56.8	56.9	57.3	0.5

Newfoundland and Labrador

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	438.7	438.6	438.7	-	438.7	438.6	438.7	-
Labour Force ('000)	259.0	275.8	265.6	6.6	257.3	260.3	263.7	6.4
Employment ('000)	221.0	236.6	228.1	7.1	213.1	219.6	220.4	7.3
Unemployed ('000)	37.9	39.2	37.5	(0.4)	44.2	40.7	43.3	(0.9)
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.6	14.2	14.1	(0.5)	17.2	15.6	16.4	(0.8)
Participation Rate (%)	59.0	62.9	60.5	1.5	58.7	59.3	60.1	1.4
Employment Rate (%)	50.4	53.9	52.0	1.6	48.6	50.1	50.2	1.6

Prince Edward Island

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	112.1	113.4	113.5	1.4	112.1	113.4	113.5	1.4
Labour Force ('000)	78.5	83.1	78.1	(0.4)	77.5	77.7	76.8	(0.7)
Employment ('000)	71.7	76.5	72.3	0.6	68.3	69.7	68.9	0.6
Unemployed ('000)	6.8	6.6	5.8	(1.0)	9.1	8.0	7.9	(1.2)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.7	7.9	7.4	(1.3)	11.7	10.3	10.3	(1.4)
Participation Rate (%)	70.0	73.3	68.8	(1.2)	69.1	68.5	67.7	(1.4)
Employment Rate (%)	64.0	67.5	63.7	(0.3)	60.9	61.5	60.7	(0.2)

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New Brunswick

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	608.6	610.0	610.2	1.6	608.6	610.0	610.2	1.6
Labour Force ('000)	391.0	401.2	386.3	(4.7)	388.5	381.0	383.7	(4.8)
Employment ('000)	359.6	360.3	354.1	(5.5)	348.8	338.6	342.7	(6.1)
Unemployed ('000)	31.3	41.0	32.2	0.9	39.7	42.4	41.0	1.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.0	10.2	8.3	0.3	10.2	11.1	10.7	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	64.2	65.8	63.3	(0.9)	63.8	62.5	62.9	(0.9)
Employment Rate (%)	59.1	59.1	58.0	(1.1)	57.3	55.5	56.2	(1.1)

Quebec

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	6,044.1	6,088.1	6,095.2	51.1	6,044.1	6,088.1	6,095.2	51.1
Labour Force ('000)	3,930.8	4,113.2	3,999.8	69.0	3,935.6	4,022.2	4,014.9	79.3
Employment ('000)	3,636.5	3,710.3	3,656.5	20.0	3,606.0	3,621.4	3,628.6	22.6
Unemployed ('000)	294.3	402.9	343.2	48.9	329.7	400.8	386.3	56.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	9.8	8.6	1.1	8.4	10.0	9.6	1.2
Participation Rate (%)	65.0	67.6	65.6	0.6	65.1	66.1	65.9	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	60.2	60.9	60.0	(0.2)	59.7	59.5	59.5	(0.2)

Ontario

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	9,671.6	9,800.9	9,819.2	147.6	9,671.6	9,800.9	9,819.2	147.6
Labour Force ('000)	6,581.0	6,854.7	6,723.6	142.6	6,605.6	6,691.5	6,741.3	135.7
Employment ('000)	6,122.3	6,326.3	6,249.3	127.0	6,124.3	6,213.2	6,251.7	127.4
Unemployed ('000)	458.7	528.3	474.3	15.6	481.3	478.3	489.6	8.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.0	7.7	7.1	0.1	7.3	7.1	7.3	-
Participation Rate (%)	68.0	69.9	68.5	0.5	68.3	68.3	68.7	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	63.3	64.5	63.6	0.3	63.3	63.4	63.7	0.4

Manitoba

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	865.1	868.8	869.6	4.5	865.1	868.8	869.6	4.5
Labour Force ('000)	598.3	612.1	597.9	(0.4)	597.9	601.3	598.2	0.3
Employment ('000)	573.5	578.5	567.3	(6.2)	568.4	572.0	563.7	(4.7)
Unemployed ('000)	24.8	33.6	30.6	5.8	29.5	29.4	34.4	4.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.1	5.5	5.1	1.0	4.9	4.9	5.8	0.9
Participation Rate (%)	69.2	70.5	68.8	(0.4)	69.1	69.2	68.8	(0.3)
Employment Rate (%)	66.3	66.6	65.2	(1.1)	65.7	65.8	64.8	(0.9)

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Saskatchewan

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	758.5	755.8	756.0	(2.5)	758.5	755.8	756.0	(2.5)
Labour Force ('000)	518.0	531.8	513.3	(4.7)	515.8	515.2	511.9	(3.9)
Employment ('000)	493.7	499.3	488.2	(5.5)	487.4	486.1	482.7	(4.7)
Unemployed ('000)	24.3	32.5	25.1	0.8	28.4	29.1	29.2	0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.7	6.1	4.9	0.2	5.5	5.6	5.7	0.2
Participation Rate (%)	68.3	70.4	67.9	(0.4)	68.0	68.2	67.7	(0.3)
Employment Rate (%)	65.1	66.1	64.6	(0.5)	64.3	64.3	63.8	(0.5)

Alberta

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	2,432.3	2,478.6	2,483.6	51.3	2,432.3	2,478.6	2,483.6	51.3
Labour Force ('000)	1,773.2	1,853.2	1,819.5	46.3	1,780.1	1,818.3	1,825.1	45.0
Employment ('000)	1,680.4	1,751.9	1,739.5	59.1	1,676.3	1,724.8	1,735.0	58.7
Unemployed ('000)	92.7	101.3	80.0	(12.7)	103.8	93.5	90.1	(13.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	5.5	4.4	(0.8)	5.8	5.1	4.9	(0.9)
Participation Rate (%)	72.9	74.8	73.3	0.4	73.2	73.4	73.5	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	69.1	70.7	70.0	0.9	68.9	69.6	69.9	1.0

British Columbia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	3,335.8	3,370.9	3,374.2	38.4	3,335.8	3,370.9	3,374.2	38.4
Labour Force ('000)	2,184.2	2,262.0	2,226.0	41.8	2,179.4	2,216.4	2,218.9	39.5
Employment ('000)	2,020.6	2,059.9	2,037.1	16.5	2,001.3	2,023.3	2,018.0	16.7
Unemployed ('000)	163.6	202.2	188.8	25.2	178.1	193.1	200.9	22.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	8.9	8.5	1.0	8.2	8.7	9.1	0.9
Participation Rate (%)	65.5	67.1	66.0	0.5	65.3	65.8	65.8	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	60.6	61.1	60.4	(0.2)	60.0	60.0	59.8	(0.2)

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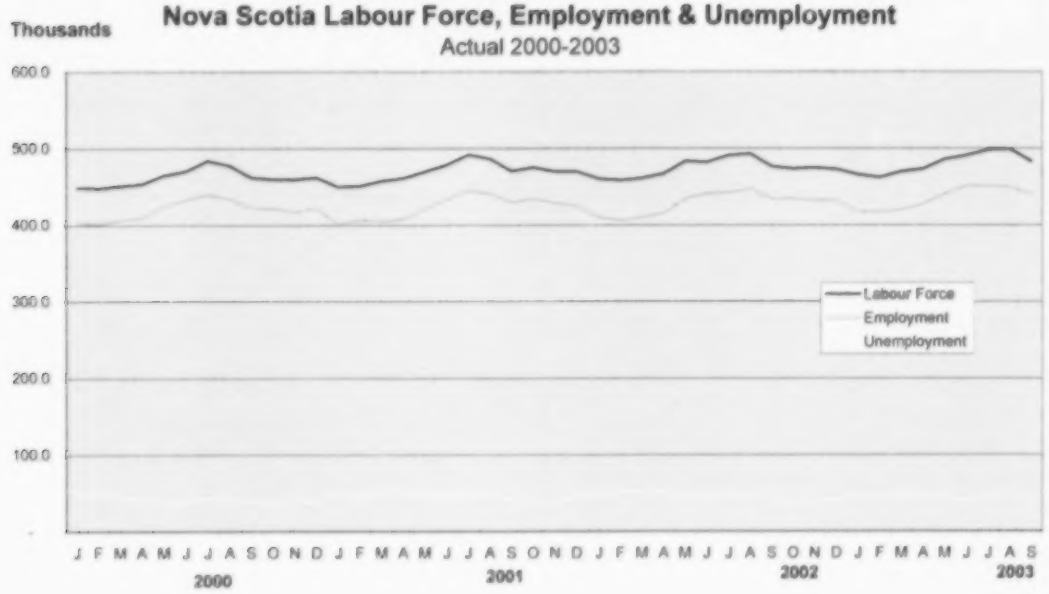
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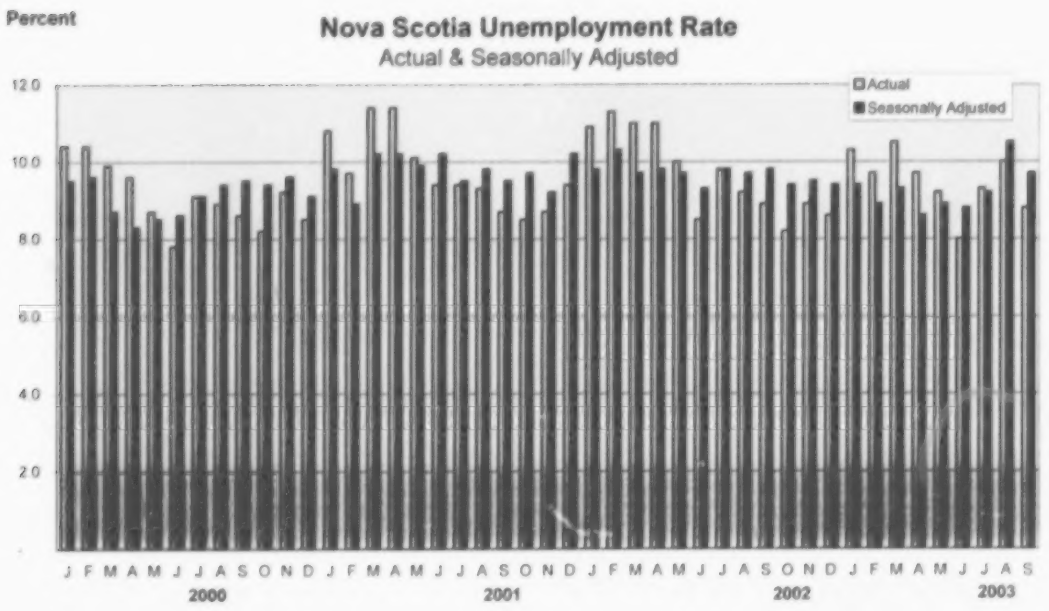
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Economic Regions/CMA
(unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Canada				Nova Scotia			
	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	24,992.6	25,263.1	25,290.3	297.7	756.4	760.1	760.6	4.2
Labour Force ('000)	17,031.6	17,423.7	17,348.2	316.6	486.5	495.7	493.1	6.6
Employment ('000)	15,758.2	16,071.3	15,990.6	232.4	441.3	450.5	446.9	5.6
Unemployed ('000)	1,273.4	1,352.5	1,357.6	84.2	45.2	45.2	46.2	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	7.8	7.8	0.3	9.3	9.1	9.4	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	68.1	69.0	68.6	0.5	64.3	65.2	64.8	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	63.1	63.6	63.2	0.1	58.3	59.3	58.8	0.5

	230 - Annapolis Valley				210 - Cape Breton			
	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	101.5	102.1	102.1	0.6	120.6	119.7	119.7	(0.9)
Labour Force ('000)	65.5	63.7	63.9	(1.6)	67.2	67.3	65.6	(1.6)
Employment ('000)	60.5	58.0	58.5	(2.0)	56.7	56.5	54.8	(1.9)
Unemployed ('000)	5.0	5.7	5.4	0.4	10.4	10.8	10.8	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.6	8.9	8.5	0.9	15.5	16.0	16.5	1.0
Participation Rate (%)	64.5	62.4	62.6	(1.9)	55.7	56.2	54.8	(0.9)
Employment Rate (%)	59.6	56.8	57.3	(2.3)	47.0	47.2	45.8	(1.2)

	250 - Halifax County				Halifax Metro (CMA)			
	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	296.8	300.6	301.0	4.2	284.8	288.6	289.0	4.2
Labour Force ('000)	208.1	213.5	212.7	4.6	201.8	206.9	206.2	4.4
Employment ('000)	192.5	198.9	197.4	4.9	187.0	192.8	191.7	4.7
Unemployed ('000)	15.6	14.6	15.3	(0.3)	14.9	14.1	14.5	(0.4)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.5	6.8	7.2	(0.3)	7.4	6.8	7.0	(0.4)
Participation Rate (%)	70.1	71.0	70.7	0.6	70.9	71.7	71.3	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	64.9	66.2	65.6	0.7	65.7	66.8	66.3	0.6

	220 - North Shore				240 - Southern			
	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	133.2	133.3	133.3	0.1	104.2	104.4	104.5	0.3
Labour Force ('000)	80.8	84.2	84.3	3.5	65.0	67.1	66.7	1.7
Employment ('000)	72.4	76.6	75.9	3.5	59.2	60.6	60.2	1.0
Unemployed ('000)	8.3	7.7	8.3	-	5.8	6.5	6.5	0.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.3	9.1	9.8	(0.5)	8.9	9.7	9.7	0.8
Participation Rate (%)	60.7	63.2	63.2	2.5	62.4	64.3	63.8	1.4
Employment Rate (%)	54.4	57.5	56.9	2.5	56.8	58.0	57.6	0.8

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Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change
Canada	15,523.6	15,701.6	15,747.9	224.3	12,599.4	12,736.5	12,773.6	174.2	2,924.1	2,965.1	2,974.4	50.3
Newfoundland and Labrador	213.1	219.6	220.4	7.3	177.8	189.3	189.1	11.3	35.3	30.3	31.3	(4.0)
Prince Edward Island	68.3	69.7	68.9	0.6	56.6	58.8	57.3	0.7	11.7	10.9	11.7	-
Nova Scotia	429.6	432.9	436.2	6.6	343.9	349.4	351.9	8.0	85.7	83.5	84.3	(1.4)
New Brunswick	348.8	338.6	342.7	(6.1)	292.1	286.4	290.6	(1.5)	56.6	52.2	52.1	(4.5)
Quebec	3,606.0	3,621.4	3,628.6	22.6	2,962.6	2,970.5	2,961.4	(1.2)	643.3	650.9	667.2	23.9
Ontario	6,124.3	6,213.2	6,251.7	127.4	5,006.6	5,061.8	5,113.2	106.6	1,117.8	1,151.4	1,138.5	20.7
Manitoba	568.4	572.0	563.7	(4.7)	452.5	458.7	451.7	(0.8)	115.9	113.2	112.0	(3.9)
Saskatchewan	487.4	486.1	482.7	(4.7)	387.4	387.2	379.8	(7.6)	100.0	98.9	102.9	2.9
Alberta	1,676.3	1,724.8	1,735.0	58.7	1,376.1	1,413.9	1,420.6	44.5	300.2	310.9	314.4	14.2
British Columbia	2,001.3	2,023.3	2,018.0	16.7	1,543.9	1,560.4	1,558.3	14.4	457.4	462.9	459.7	2.3

Employment - Actual (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change
Canada	15,613.4	16,048.7	15,832.6	219.2	12,708.6	13,443.8	12,879.3	170.7	2,904.9	2,604.9	2,953.3	48.4
Newfoundland and Labrador	221.0	236.6	228.1	7.1	186.3	209.9	197.2	10.9	34.8	26.6	30.9	(3.9)
Prince Edward Island	71.7	76.5	72.3	0.6	60.3	68.1	60.9	0.6	11.3	8.4	11.4	0.1
Nova Scotia	434.1	449.2	440.4	6.3	348.7	376.8	356.0	7.3	85.4	72.4	84.3	(1.1)
New Brunswick	359.6	360.3	354.1	(5.5)	302.7	315.9	302.6	(0.1)	56.9	44.4	51.4	(5.5)
Quebec	3,636.5	3,710.3	3,656.5	20.0	2,992.2	3,157.6	2,988.1	(4.1)	644.3	552.7	668.4	24.1
Ontario	6,122.3	6,326.3	6,249.3	127.0	5,014.8	5,300.3	5,126.6	111.8	1,107.5	1,026.0	1,122.7	15.2
Manitoba	573.5	578.5	567.3	(6.2)	458.1	482.6	455.1	(3.0)	115.4	95.9	112.2	(3.2)
Saskatchewan	493.7	499.3	488.2	(5.5)	396.5	413.3	386.2	(10.3)	97.2	86.1	102.0	4.8
Alberta	1,680.4	1,751.9	1,739.5	59.1	1,382.1	1,487.2	1,426.5	44.4	298.3	264.7	313.0	14.7
British Columbia	2,020.6	2,059.9	2,037.1	16.5	1,566.9	1,632.1	1,580.2	13.3	453.8	427.7	456.9	3.1

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15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change
Canada	2,751.1	2,796.5	2,807.8	56.7	2,375.1	2,392.7	2,398.8	23.7	13.7	14.4	14.6	0.9
Newfoundland and Labrador	39.4	40.5	41.0	1.6	29.5	31.4	32.1	2.6	25.1	22.5	21.7	(3.4)
Prince Edward Island	14.6	14.2	13.7	(0.9)	12.2	12.7	12.1	(0.1)	16.4	10.6	11.7	(4.7)
Nova Scotia	80.6	83.1	83.3	2.7	64.2	65.7	69.7	5.5	20.3	21.1	16.3	(4.0)
New Brunswick	65.6	60.3	63.6	(2.0)	55.9	48.3	50.7	(5.2)	14.8	19.9	20.3	5.5
Quebec	623.9	653.2	643.1	19.2	538.7	557.7	548.9	10.2	13.7	14.6	14.6	0.9
Ontario	1,058.0	1,056.4	1,081.0	23.0	910.5	895.6	913.6	3.1	13.9	15.2	15.5	1.6
Manitoba	107.8	108.0	107.8	-	98.5	98.0	95.6	(2.9)	8.6	9.3	11.3	2.7
Saskatchewan	94.1	94.0	89.5	(4.6)	84.5	84.3	79.4	(5.1)	10.2	10.3	11.3	1.1
Alberta	320.1	338.7	338.7	18.6	281.6	308.6	307.3	25.7	12.0	8.9	9.3	(2.7)
British Columbia	347.0	348.0	346.3	(0.7)	299.4	290.5	289.4	(10.0)	13.7	16.6	16.4	2.7

15-24 Age Group - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change
Canada	2,668.3	3,168.7	2,722.5	54.2	2,318.0	2,740.5	2,337.1	19.1	13.1	13.5	14.2	1.1
Newfoundland and Labrador	37.1	51.1	38.7	1.6	27.7	41.4	30.2	2.5	25.3	19.0	22.0	(3.3)
Prince Edward Island	14.2	18.0	13.5	(0.7)	12.0	16.7	12.0	-	15.5	6.7	11.1	(4.4)
Nova Scotia	77.7	96.7	79.8	2.1	61.6	80.4	66.8	5.2	20.7	16.8	16.3	(4.4)
New Brunswick	62.4	74.3	60.9	(1.5)	54.7	62.6	50.1	(4.6)	12.3	15.7	17.7	5.4
Quebec	606.0	727.6	620.9	14.9	529.7	632.2	536.5	6.8	12.6	13.1	13.6	1.0
Ontario	1,015.5	1,214.1	1,041.8	26.3	875.4	1,033.9	879.3	3.9	13.8	14.8	15.6	1.8
Manitoba	107.1	118.2	106.6	(0.5)	98.4	108.7	94.6	(3.8)	8.2	8.0	11.3	3.1
Saskatchewan	93.5	108.2	87.8	(5.7)	84.5	97.8	78.3	(6.2)	9.6	9.7	10.9	1.3
Alberta	312.5	373.9	330.7	18.2	277.5	342.4	302.1	24.6	11.2	8.5	8.6	(2.6)
British Columbia	342.3	386.6	341.7	(0.6)	296.6	324.4	287.2	(9.4)	13.4	16.1	15.9	2.5

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Employment by Sector

Canada - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change
All industries	**16,790.2**	**17,486.0**	**17,092.8**	**302.6**	**15,613.4**	**16,048.7**	**15,832.6**	**219.2**	**7.0**	**8.2**	**7.4**	**0.4**
Goods-Producing Sector	**4,314.4**	**4,435.7**	**4,331.0**	**16.6**	**4,083.2**	**4,184.5**	**4,077.9**	**(5.3)**	**5.4**	**5.7**	**5.8**	**0.4**
Agriculture	370.8	390.8	363.6	(7.2)	356.8	369.3	347.6	(9.2)	3.8	5.5	4.4	0.6
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	303.1	335.8	330.0	26.9	278.7	309.1	306.5	27.8	8.1	8.0	7.1	(1.0)
Utilities	140.9	138.4	137.9	(3.0)	138.5	135.3	131.8	(6.7)	1.7	2.2	4.4	2.7
Construction	1,000.4	1,076.9	1,071.3	70.9	939.5	1,011.3	1,005.0	65.5	6.1	6.1	6.2	0.1
Manufacturing	2,499.1	2,493.8	2,428.1	(71.0)	2,369.7	2,359.5	2,287.0	(82.7)	5.2	5.4	5.8	0.6
Services-Producing Sector	**12,075.9**	**12,594.5**	**12,315.2**	**239.3**	**11,530.2**	**11,864.3**	**11,754.8**	**224.6**	**4.5**	**5.8**	**4.6**	**0.1**
Trade	2,549.3	2,595.7	2,588.2	38.9	2,427.3	2,480.0	2,463.0	35.7	4.8	4.5	4.8	-
Transportation and Warehousing	821.6	820.3	799.0	(22.6)	795.2	775.7	773.4	(21.8)	3.2	5.4	3.2	-
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	930.1	969.2	965.1	35.0	906.5	943.2	942.7	36.2	2.5	2.7	2.3	(0.2)
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,057.7	1,049.0	1,032.1	(25.6)	1,006.2	1,004.1	989.7	(16.5)	4.9	4.3	4.1	(0.8)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	652.5	719.8	672.2	19.7	597.5	631.8	604.1	6.6	8.4	12.2	10.1	1.7
Educational Services	1,066.5	1,030.3	1,073.3	6.8	1,033.0	886.1	1,035.3	2.3	3.1	14.0	3.5	0.4
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,677.0	1,738.2	1,738.4	61.4	1,635.1	1,692.0	1,695.2	60.1	2.5	2.7	2.5	-
Information, Culture and Recreation	748.0	825.3	769.1	21.1	693.9	773.9	722.5	28.6	7.2	6.2	6.1	(1.1)
Accommodation and Food Services	1,072.4	1,179.9	1,105.7	33.3	1,000.3	1,078.3	1,017.5	17.2	6.7	8.6	8.0	1.3
Other Services	716.1	778.6	724.7	8.6	674.5	733.5	689.8	15.3	5.8	5.8	4.8	(1.0)
Public Administration	784.8	868.2	847.3	62.5	760.7	865.5	821.6	60.9	3.1	2.6	3.0	(0.1)
Unclassified Industries	399.9	455.8	446.6	46.7	-	-	-					

Nova Scotia - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change
All industries	**476.3**	**498.9**	**482.8**	**6.5**	**434.1**	**449.2**	**440.4**	**6.3**	**8.9**	**10.0**	**8.8**	**(0.1)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**113.0**	**114.5**	**109.8**	**(3.2)**	**100.3**	**101.8**	**97.9**	**(2.4)**	**11.3**	**11.1**	**10.8**	**(0.5)**
Agriculture	8.6	8.9	7.7	(0.9)	7.3	7.8	7.3	-	15.1	12.4	-	(15.1)
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	15.4	17.2	14.4	(1.0)	12.7	14.0	12.4	(0.3)	17.5	18.6	13.9	(3.6)
Utilities	3.2	2.9	2.6	(0.6)	2.8	2.8	2.3	(0.5)	-	-	-	-
Construction	32.8	28.8	30.2	(2.6)	28.2	26.0	26.3	(1.9)	14.0	10.1	12.9	(1.1)
Manufacturing	53.1	56.6	55.0	1.9	49.3	51.3	49.6	0.3	7.2	9.4	9.8	2.6
Services-Producing Sector	**352.2**	**373.6**	**364.0**	**11.8**	**333.8**	**347.3**	**342.5**	**8.7**	**5.2**	**7.0**	**5.9**	**0.7**
Trade	79.7	78.7	76.9	(2.8)	76.5	74.1	72.8	(3.7)	3.9	5.8	5.3	1.4
Transportation and Warehousing	20.4	23.2	23.6	3.2	19.6	21.4	21.6	2.0	3.9	7.8	8.5	4.6
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	22.0	22.3	19.5	(2.5)	21.6	21.5	18.4	(3.2)	-	3.6	5.6	5.6
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	18.7	19.7	20.5	1.8	17.3	18.6	19.6	2.3	7.5	5.6	3.9	(3.6)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	24.3	28.0	26.2	1.9	22.3	24.6	22.7	0.4	8.6	12.1	13.4	4.8
Educational Services	35.2	32.2	35.1	(0.1)	34.2	26.4	33.8	(0.4)	2.8	18.0	3.7	0.9
Health Care and Social Assistance	53.2	57.3	58.6	5.4	51.3	55.7	57.2	5.9	3.6	2.6	2.6	(1.0)
Information, Culture and Recreation	18.8	22.0	20.1	1.3	17.2	20.9	19.1	1.9	8.5	5.0	4.5	(4.0)
Accommodation and Food Services	34.2	37.3	35.9	1.7	31.7	35.0	33.0	1.3	7.6	6.2	8.1	0.5
Other Services	22.1	23.2	19.0	(3.1)	20.0	19.8	16.8	(3.2)	9.5	14.2	11.6	2.1
Public Administration	23.6	29.7	28.7	5.1	22.3	29.3	27.4	5.1	5.9	-	4.2	(1.7)
Unclassified Industries	11.0	10.8	9.1	(1.9)	-	-	-					

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CMA Data

(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Unemployment Rate - %				Employment Rate - %				Participation Rate - %			
	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change	Sep 2002	Aug 2003	Sep 2003	Annual Change
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	9.3	9.3	9.5	0.2	62.5	63.5	62.6	0.1	68.9	70.0	69.2	0.3
Halifax	7.4	6.8	7.0	(0.4)	65.7	66.8	66.3	0.6	70.9	71.7	71.3	0.4
Saint John, New Brunswick	6.9	9.3	8.8	1.9	63.8	58.8	58.3	(5.5)	68.6	64.8	64.0	(4.6)
Saguenay	9.7	9.5	9.6	(0.1)	53.6	57.0	56.9	3.3	59.3	62.9	62.9	3.6
Québec	6.1	5.5	5.8	(0.3)	64.0	65.9	64.1	0.1	68.1	69.7	68.0	(0.1)
Trois-Rivières	9.9	11.2	11.5	1.6	56.7	56.0	55.6	(1.1)	63.0	63.1	62.8	(0.2)
Sherbrooke	6.6	7.8	7.8	1.2	62.7	63.4	63.2	0.5	67.1	68.7	68.6	1.5
Montréal	8.5	10.1	10.1	1.6	62.3	62.0	61.8	(0.5)	68.1	69.0	68.7	0.6
Ottawa-Gatineau	7.5	6.6	6.9	(0.6)	65.2	68.2	67.4	2.2	70.5	73.0	72.4	1.9
Sudbury	9.2	9.0	9.3	0.1	59.2	58.2	57.1	(2.1)	65.3	63.9	63.0	(2.3)
Oshawa	6.3	5.7	5.6	(0.7)	65.1	70.7	70.0	4.9	69.4	74.9	74.2	4.8
Toronto	8.4	8.9	8.8	0.4	64.9	64.8	64.5	(0.4)	70.9	71.1	70.7	(0.2)
Hamilton	7.0	6.6	7.1	0.1	62.6	65.4	65.1	2.5	67.3	70.0	70.1	2.8
St. Catharines - Niagara	6.0	6.3	6.1	0.1	62.5	62.6	62.7	0.2	66.5	66.7	66.6	0.3
London	7.1	7.2	7.5	0.4	64.8	64.0	64.3	(0.5)	69.7	69.0	69.5	(0.2)
Windsor	8.1	7.4	7.2	(0.9)	63.1	62.9	62.9	(0.2)	68.7	67.8	67.7	(1.0)
Kitchener	6.0	6.5	6.6	0.6	66.0	66.2	66.1	0.1	70.2	70.8	70.8	0.6
Thunder Bay	6.3	5.6	5.5	(0.8)	61.3	64.9	64.4	3.1	65.4	68.8	68.2	2.8
Winnipeg	5.3	5.1	5.5	0.2	68.2	68.0	67.2	(1.0)	72.0	71.6	71.1	(0.9)
Regina	5.9	6.2	6.1	0.2	69.5	68.3	68.5	(1.0)	73.8	72.8	73.0	(0.8)
Saskatoon	6.4	6.0	6.1	(0.3)	67.7	68.6	67.4	(0.3)	72.3	73.0	71.7	(0.6)
Calgary	6.3	4.9	5.0	(1.3)	72.2	72.7	72.1	(0.1)	77.1	76.4	75.9	(1.2)
Edmonton	5.0	5.1	4.8	(0.2)	69.3	69.7	69.6	0.3	72.9	73.4	73.1	0.2
Vancouver	7.2	8.0	8.6	1.4	63.4	63.2	63.2	(0.2)	68.3	68.7	69.1	0.8
Victoria	6.9	7.2	6.8	(0.1)	58.9	59.8	60.0	1.1	63.3	64.4	64.4	1.1

Employment Situation
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About the Employment Situation Report

Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at: http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm

The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

Release Dates - 2003:

Data for:	**Release date:**
January 2003	February 7, 2003
February 2003	March 7, 2003
March 2003	April 4, 2003
April 2003	May 9, 2003
May 2003	June 6, 2003
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July 2003	August 8, 2003
August 2003	September 5, 2003
September 2003	October 10, 2003
October 2003	November 7, 2003
November 2003	December 5, 2003
December 2003	January 9, 2004
January 2004	February 6, 2004

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Canada

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,047.9	25,321.2	25,351.2	303.3	25,047.9	25,321.2	25,351.2	303.3
Labour Force ('000)	16,776.5	17,092.8	17,052.9	276.4	16,838.1	17,117.6	17,122.8	284.7
Employment ('000)	15,613.3	15,832.6	15,870.0	256.7	15,559.4	15,747.9	15,813.3	253.9
Unemployed ('000)	1,163.2	1,260.1	1,182.9	19.7	1,278.7	1,369.6	1,309.4	30.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.9	7.4	6.9	-	7.6	8.0	7.6	-
Participation Rate (%)	67.0	67.5	67.3	0.3	67.2	67.6	67.5	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	62.3	62.5	62.6	0.3	62.1	62.2	62.4	0.3

Nova Scotia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	757.2	761.0	761.4	4.2	757.2	761.0	761.4	4.2
Labour Force ('000)	473.2	482.8	476.6	3.4	474.2	483.0	477.8	3.6
Employment ('000)	434.6	440.4	437.2	2.6	429.5	436.2	432.5	3.0
Unemployed ('000)	38.6	42.5	39.5	0.9	44.7	46.8	45.3	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.2	8.8	8.3	0.1	9.4	9.7	9.5	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	62.5	63.4	62.6	0.1	62.6	63.5	62.8	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	57.4	57.9	57.4	-	56.7	57.3	56.8	0.1

Newfoundland and Labrador

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	438.8	438.7	439.1	0.3	438.8	438.7	439.1	0.3
Labour Force ('000)	255.9	265.6	257.1	1.2	258.3	263.7	259.1	0.8
Employment ('000)	214.3	228.1	218.5	4.2	211.3	220.4	216.4	5.1
Unemployed ('000)	41.5	37.5	38.7	(2.8)	47.0	43.3	42.7	(4.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	16.2	14.1	15.1	(1.1)	18.2	16.4	16.5	(1.7)
Participation Rate (%)	58.3	60.5	58.6	0.3	58.9	60.1	59.0	0.1
Employment Rate (%)	48.8	52.0	49.8	1.0	48.2	50.2	49.3	1.1

Prince Edward Island

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	112.3	113.5	113.5	1.2	112.3	113.5	113.5	1.2
Labour Force ('000)	76.0	78.1	77.0	1.0	76.6	76.8	77.2	0.6
Employment ('000)	69.0	72.3	70.4	1.4	67.6	68.9	69.0	1.4
Unemployed ('000)	7.1	5.8	6.6	(0.5)	8.9	7.9	8.2	(0.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.3	7.4	8.6	(0.7)	11.6	10.3	10.6	(1.0)
Participation Rate (%)	67.7	68.8	67.8	0.1	68.2	67.7	68.0	(0.2)
Employment Rate (%)	61.4	63.7	62.0	0.6	60.2	60.7	60.8	0.6

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New Brunswick

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	608.6	610.2	610.4	1.8	608.6	610.2	610.4	1.8
Labour Force ('000)	388.6	386.3	384.2	(4.4)	389.4	383.7	385.3	(4.1)
Employment ('000)	354.3	354.1	350.9	(3.4)	347.4	342.7	343.7	(3.7)
Unemployed ('000)	34.3	32.2	33.2	(1.1)	42.0	41.0	41.5	(0.5)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.8	8.3	8.6	(0.2)	10.8	10.7	10.8	-
Participation Rate (%)	63.9	63.3	62.9	(1.0)	64.0	62.9	63.1	(0.9)
Employment Rate (%)	58.2	58.0	57.5	(0.7)	57.1	56.2	56.3	(0.8)

Quebec

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	6,048.2	6,095.2	6,101.2	53.0	6,048.2	6,095.2	6,101.2	53.0
Labour Force ('000)	3,927.3	3,999.8	4,008.0	80.7	3,938.3	4,014.9	4,029.3	91.0
Employment ('000)	3,636.3	3,656.5	3,671.9	35.6	3,619.2	3,628.6	3,654.1	34.9
Unemployed ('000)	291.0	343.2	336.2	45.2	319.1	386.3	375.2	56.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.4	8.6	8.4	1.0	8.1	9.6	9.3	1.2
Participation Rate (%)	64.9	65.6	65.7	0.8	65.1	65.9	66.0	0.9
Employment Rate (%)	60.1	60.0	60.2	0.1	59.8	59.5	59.9	0.1

Ontario

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	9,684.3	9,819.2	9,833.6	149.3	9,684.3	9,819.2	9,833.6	149.3
Labour Force ('000)	6,589.4	6,723.6	6,698.2	108.8	6,612.8	6,741.3	6,726.8	114.0
Employment ('000)	6,157.2	6,249.3	6,268.4	111.2	6,142.1	6,251.7	6,257.0	114.9
Unemployed ('000)	432.2	474.3	429.8	(2.4)	470.8	489.6	469.9	(0.9)
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.6	7.1	6.4	(0.2)	7.1	7.3	7.0	(0.1)
Participation Rate (%)	68.0	68.5	68.1	0.1	68.3	68.7	68.4	0.1
Employment Rate (%)	63.6	63.6	63.7	0.1	63.4	63.7	63.6	0.2

Manitoba

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	865.0	869.6	870.4	5.4	865.0	869.6	870.4	5.4
Labour Force ('000)	600.3	597.9	601.1	0.8	601.7	598.2	601.4	(0.3)
Employment ('000)	571.4	567.3	571.6	0.2	569.5	563.7	569.2	(0.3)
Unemployed ('000)	28.9	30.6	29.5	0.6	32.2	34.4	32.1	(0.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.8	5.1	4.9	0.1	5.4	5.8	5.3	(0.1)
Participation Rate (%)	69.4	68.8	69.1	(0.3)	69.6	68.8	69.1	(0.5)
Employment Rate (%)	66.1	65.2	65.7	(0.4)	65.8	64.8	65.4	(0.4)

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Saskatchewan

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	758.2	756.0	755.8	(2.4)	758.2	756.0	755.8	(2.4)
Labour Force ('000)	518.2	513.3	511.2	(7.0)	520.5	511.9	513.4	(7.1)
Employment ('000)	492.2	488.2	486.6	(5.6)	490.2	482.7	484.4	(5.8)
Unemployed ('000)	26.0	25.1	24.6	(1.4)	30.3	29.2	29.0	(1.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	4.9	4.8	(0.2)	5.8	5.7	5.6	(0.2)
Participation Rate (%)	68.3	67.9	67.6	(0.7)	68.6	67.7	67.9	(0.7)
Employment Rate (%)	64.9	64.6	64.4	(0.5)	64.7	63.8	64.1	(0.6)

Alberta

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	2,436.8	2,483.6	2,487.1	50.3	2,436.8	2,483.6	2,487.1	50.3
Labour Force ('000)	1,777.0	1,819.5	1,821.3	44.3	1,787.0	1,825.1	1,830.9	43.9
Employment ('000)	1,681.6	1,739.5	1,736.8	55.2	1,684.7	1,735.0	1,738.9	54.2
Unemployed ('000)	95.5	80.0	84.5	(11.0)	102.3	90.1	92.0	(10.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.4	4.4	4.6	(0.8)	5.7	4.9	5.0	(0.7)
Participation Rate (%)	72.9	73.3	73.2	0.3	73.3	73.5	73.6	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	69.0	70.0	69.8	0.8	69.1	69.9	69.9	0.8

British Columbia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	3,338.5	3,374.2	3,378.7	40.2	3,338.5	3,374.2	3,378.7	40.2
Labour Force ('000)	2,170.6	2,226.0	2,218.1	47.5	2,179.3	2,218.9	2,221.6	42.3
Employment ('000)	2,002.5	2,037.1	2,057.7	55.2	1,997.9	2,018.0	2,048.1	50.2
Unemployed ('000)	168.1	188.8	160.4	(7.7)	181.5	200.9	173.4	(8.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.7	8.5	7.2	(0.5)	8.3	9.1	7.8	(0.5)
Participation Rate (%)	65.0	66.0	65.6	0.6	65.3	65.8	65.8	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	60.0	60.4	60.9	0.9	59.8	59.8	60.6	0.8

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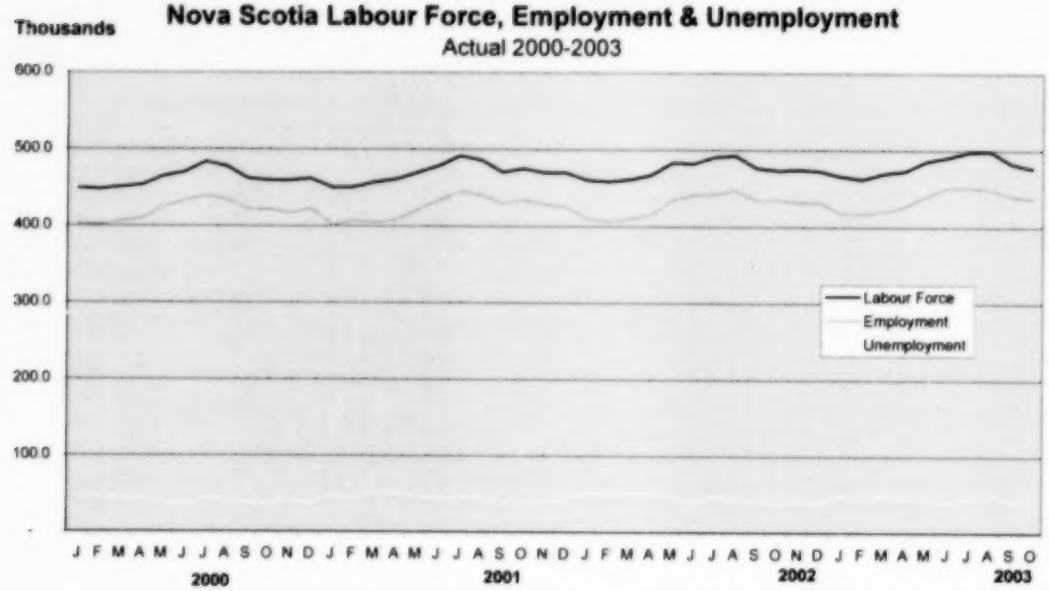

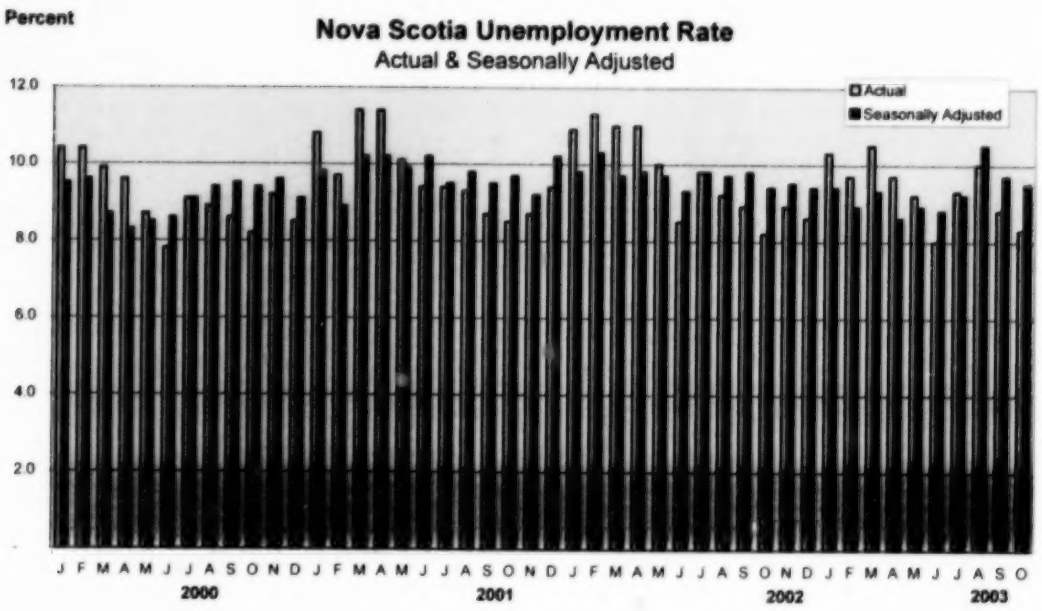
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Canada

	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,020.2	25,290.3	25,319.4	299.2
Labour Force ('000)	16,913.2	17,348.2	17,210.6	297.4
Employment ('000)	15,692.3	15,990.6	15,917.1	224.8
Unemployed ('000)	1,220.9	1,357.6	1,293.4	72.5
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.2	7.8	7.5	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	67.6	68.6	68.0	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	62.7	63.2	62.9	0.2

Nova Scotia

	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	756.9	760.6	761.0	4.1
Labour Force ('000)	480.6	493.1	486.1	5.5
Employment ('000)	438.6	446.9	442.2	3.6
Unemployed ('000)	42.0	46.2	43.9	1.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.7	9.4	9.0	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	63.5	64.8	63.9	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	57.9	58.8	58.1	0.2

230 - Annapolis Valley

	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	101.6	102.1	102.2	0.6
Labour Force ('000)	65.0	63.9	63.9	(1.1)
Employment ('000)	60.9	58.5	59.2	(1.7)
Unemployed ('000)	4.1	5.4	4.7	0.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.3	8.5	7.4	1.1
Participation Rate (%)	64.0	62.6	62.5	(1.5)
Employment Rate (%)	59.9	57.3	57.9	(2.0)

210 - Cape Breton

	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	120.6	119.7	119.6	(1.0)
Labour Force ('000)	65.8	65.6	63.5	(2.3)
Employment ('000)	56.5	54.8	52.8	(3.7)
Unemployed ('000)	9.4	10.8	10.7	1.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	14.3	16.5	16.9	2.6
Participation Rate (%)	54.6	54.8	53.1	(1.5)
Employment Rate (%)	46.8	45.8	44.1	(2.7)

250 - Halifax County

	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	297.2	301.0	301.4	4.2
Labour Force ('000)	206.3	212.7	210.6	4.3
Employment ('000)	191.6	197.4	196.4	4.8
Unemployed ('000)	14.7	15.3	14.3	(0.4)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	7.2	6.8	(0.3)
Participation Rate (%)	69.4	70.7	69.9	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	64.5	65.6	65.2	0.7

Halifax Metro (CMA)

	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	285.2	289.0	289.3	4.1
Labour Force ('000)	200.3	206.2	203.9	3.6
Employment ('000)	186.5	191.7	190.4	3.9
Unemployed ('000)	13.8	14.5	13.5	(0.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.9	7.0	6.6	(0.3)
Participation Rate (%)	70.2	71.3	70.5	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	65.4	66.3	65.8	0.4

220 - North Shore

	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	133.3	133.3	133.4	0.1
Labour Force ('000)	79.5	84.3	82.9	3.4
Employment ('000)	71.8	75.9	74.8	3.0
Unemployed ('000)	7.7	8.3	8.1	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.7	9.8	9.8	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	59.6	63.2	62.1	2.5
Employment Rate (%)	53.9	56.9	56.1	2.2

240 - Southern

	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	104.2	104.5	104.5	0.3
Labour Force ('000)	64.0	66.7	65.2	1.2
Employment ('000)	57.9	60.2	59.0	1.1
Unemployed ('000)	6.1	6.5	6.1	-
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.5	9.7	9.4	(0.1)
Participation Rate (%)	61.4	63.8	62.4	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	55.6	57.6	56.5	0.9

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Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change
Canada	15,559.4	15,747.9	15,813.3	253.9	12,587.5	12,773.6	12,835.7	248.2	2,971.8	2,974.4	2,977.6	5.8
Newfoundland and Labrador	211.3	220.4	216.4	5.1	179.2	189.1	185.2	6.0	32.2	31.3	31.2	(1.0)
Prince Edward Island	67.6	68.9	69.0	1.4	56.3	57.3	57.0	0.7	11.3	11.7	11.9	0.6
Nova Scotia	429.5	436.2	432.5	3.0	347.5	351.9	352.6	5.1	82.0	84.3	79.8	(2.2)
New Brunswick	347.4	342.7	343.7	(3.7)	288.8	290.6	290.8	2.0	58.6	52.1	52.9	(5.7)
Quebec	3,619.2	3,628.6	3,654.1	34.9	2,941.2	2,961.4	2,960.5	19.3	678.0	667.2	693.6	15.6
Ontario	6,142.1	6,251.7	6,257.0	114.9	5,020.9	5,113.2	5,139.9	119.0	1,121.1	1,138.5	1,117.0	(4.1)
Manitoba	569.5	563.7	569.2	(0.3)	455.5	451.7	457.7	2.2	114.0	112.0	111.6	(2.4)
Saskatchewan	490.2	482.7	484.4	(5.8)	389.9	379.8	386.1	(3.8)	100.3	102.9	98.3	(2.0)
Alberta	1,684.7	1,735.0	1,738.9	54.2	1,382.8	1,420.6	1,419.5	36.7	301.8	314.4	319.3	17.5
British Columbia	1,997.9	2,018.0	2,048.1	50.2	1,525.8	1,558.3	1,586.3	60.5	472.1	459.7	461.8	(10.3)

Employment - Actual (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change
Canada	15,613.3	15,832.6	15,870.0	256.7	12,564.2	12,879.3	12,816.1	251.9	3,049.1	2,953.3	3,053.9	4.8
Newfoundland and Labrador	214.3	228.1	218.5	4.2	181.0	197.2	186.3	5.3	33.4	30.9	32.2	(1.2)
Prince Edward Island	69.0	72.3	70.4	1.4	57.6	60.9	58.2	0.6	11.3	11.4	12.2	0.9
Nova Scotia	434.6	440.4	437.2	2.6	349.3	356.0	353.8	4.5	85.2	84.3	83.4	(1.8)
New Brunswick	354.3	354.1	350.9	(3.4)	294.5	302.6	296.6	2.1	59.8	51.4	54.4	(5.4)
Quebec	3,636.3	3,656.5	3,671.9	35.6	2,929.2	2,988.1	2,944.8	15.6	707.1	668.4	727.1	20.0
Ontario	6,157.2	6,249.3	6,268.4	111.2	5,003.9	5,126.6	5,124.5	120.6	1,153.3	1,122.7	1,143.9	(9.4)
Manitoba	571.4	567.3	571.6	0.2	456.3	455.1	459.0	2.7	115.0	112.2	112.6	(2.4)
Saskatchewan	492.2	486.2	486.6	(5.6)	391.7	386.2	388.1	(3.6)	100.5	102.0	98.5	(2.0)
Alberta	1,681.6	1,739.5	1,736.8	55.2	1,377.4	1,426.5	1,415.1	37.7	304.2	313.0	321.7	17.5
British Columbia	2,002.5	2,037.1	2,057.7	55.2	1,523.2	1,580.2	1,589.7	66.5	479.3	456.9	468.0	(11.3)

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Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change
Canada	2,765.3	2,807.8	2,786.1	20.8	2,386.1	2,398.8	2,395.9	9.8	13.7	14.6	14.0	0.3
Newfoundland and Labrador	40.9	41.0	38.4	(2.5)	31.3	32.1	29.0	(2.3)	23.5	21.7	24.2	0.7
Prince Edward Island	14.4	13.7	13.9	(0.5)	12.1	12.1	12.0	(0.1)	16.0	11.7	13.7	(2.3)
Nova Scotia	79.1	83.3	79.2	0.1	65.0	69.7	65.1	0.1	17.8	16.3	17.8	-
New Brunswick	66.0	63.6	63.1	(2.9)	54.7	50.7	51.8	(2.9)	17.3	20.3	17.9	0.6
Quebec	635.2	643.1	634.4	(0.8)	548.3	548.9	538.6	(9.7)	13.7	14.6	15.1	1.4
Ontario	1,053.7	1,081.0	1,071.0	17.3	911.5	913.6	910.9	(0.6)	13.5	15.5	14.9	1.4
Manitoba	109.5	107.8	110.8	1.3	98.9	95.6	98.0	(0.9)	9.8	11.3	11.6	1.8
Saskatchewan	96.5	89.5	90.0	(6.5)	84.4	79.4	80.6	(3.8)	12.5	11.3	10.4	(2.1)
Alberta	326.2	338.7	332.9	6.7	288.5	307.3	305.4	16.9	11.5	9.3	8.3	(3.2)
British Columbia	343.9	346.3	352.5	8.6	291.5	289.4	304.4	12.9	15.2	16.4	13.6	(1.6)

15-24 Age Group - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change
Canada	2,668.5	2,722.5	2,680.4	11.9	2,320.4	2,337.1	2,325.1	4.7	13.0	14.2	13.3	0.3
Newfoundland and Labrador	37.9	38.7	35.3	(2.6)	29.2	30.2	26.9	(2.3)	22.7	22.0	23.8	1.1
Prince Edward Island	13.5	13.5	13.2	(0.3)	11.6	12.0	11.4	(0.2)	14.8	11.1	12.9	(1.9)
Nova Scotia	76.7	79.8	76.1	(0.6)	64.0	66.8	63.2	(0.8)	16.6	16.3	17.0	0.4
New Brunswick	62.7	60.9	59.7	(3.0)	52.8	50.1	50.4	(2.4)	15.8	17.7	15.6	(0.2)
Quebec	611.8	620.9	607.8	(4.0)	535.5	536.5	523.3	(12.2)	12.5	13.6	13.9	1.4
Ontario	1,015.9	1,041.8	1,028.1	12.2	885.5	879.3	881.7	(3.8)	12.8	15.6	14.2	1.4
Manitoba	106.5	106.6	108.4	1.9	96.9	94.6	96.4	(0.5)	9.0	11.3	11.0	2.0
Saskatchewan	93.5	87.8	86.4	(7.1)	82.7	78.3	78.3	(4.4)	11.6	10.9	9.4	(2.2)
Alberta	318.3	330.7	323.3	5.0	280.6	302.1	296.7	16.1	11.8	8.6	8.3	(3.5)
British Columbia	331.7	341.7	342.1	10.4	281.6	287.2	296.8	15.2	15.1	15.9	13.2	(1.9)

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Employment by Sector

Canada - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change
All industries	**16,776.5**	**17,092.8**	**17,052.9**	**276.4**	**15,613.3**	**15,832.6**	**15,870.0**	**256.7**	**6.9**	**7.4**	**6.9**	**-**
Goods-Producing Sector	**4,327.5**	**4,331.0**	**4,294.0**	**(33.5)**	**4,063.1**	**4,077.9**	**4,047.7**	**(15.4)**	**6.1**	**5.8**	**5.7**	**(0.4)**
Agriculture	377.1	363.6	357.1	(20.0)	359.4	347.6	342.1	(17.3)	4.7	4.4	4.2	(0.5)
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	302.5	330.0	331.3	28.8	271.4	306.5	304.3	32.9	10.3	7.1	8.1	(2.2)
Utilities	131.9	137.9	136.9	5.0	129.7	131.8	133.4	3.7	1.7	4.4	2.5	0.8
Construction	1,025.0	1,071.3	1,053.3	28.3	952.6	1,005.0	985.0	32.4	7.1	6.2	6.5	(0.6)
Manufacturing	2,491.0	2,428.1	2,415.4	(75.6)	2,350.0	2,287.0	2,282.8	(67.2)	5.7	5.8	5.5	(0.2)
Services-Producing Sector	**12,066.6**	**12,315.2**	**12,362.9**	**296.3**	**11,550.2**	**11,754.8**	**11,822.3**	**272.1**	**4.3**	**4.6**	**4.4**	**0.1**
Trade	2,546.9	2,588.2	2,597.5	50.6	2,431.1	2,463.0	2,476.3	45.2	4.5	4.8	4.7	0.2
Transportation and Warehousing	809.3	799.0	814.3	5.0	779.5	773.4	786.1	6.6	3.7	3.2	3.5	(0.2)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	927.5	965.1	972.1	44.6	902.1	942.7	950.9	48.8	2.7	2.3	2.2	(0.5)
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,043.3	1,032.1	1,031.5	(11.8)	998.7	989.7	991.9	(6.8)	4.3	4.1	3.8	(0.5)
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	660.0	672.2	677.7	17.7	608.4	604.1	618.6	10.2	7.8	10.1	8.7	0.9
Educational Services	1,071.4	1,073.3	1,095.6	24.2	1,043.5	1,035.3	1,071.4	27.9	2.6	3.5	2.2	(0.4)
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,671.7	1,738.4	1,747.1	75.4	1,638.7	1,695.2	1,708.3	69.6	2.0	2.5	2.2	0.2
Information, Culture and Recreation	730.4	769.1	763.3	32.9	682.7	722.5	710.2	27.5	6.5	6.1	7.0	0.5
Accommodation and Food Services	1,085.4	1,105.7	1,106.1	20.7	1,002.9	1,017.5	1,012.7	9.8	7.6	8.0	8.4	0.8
Other Services	732.7	724.7	716.1	(16.6)	695.8	689.8	681.2	(14.6)	5.0	4.8	4.9	(0.1)
Public Administration	788.1	847.3	841.6	53.5	766.8	821.6	814.6	47.8	2.7	3.0	3.2	0.5
Unclassified Industries	382.4	446.6	395.9	13.5	-	-	-					

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	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change
All industries	**473.2**	**482.8**	**476.6**	**3.4**	**434.6**	**440.4**	**437.2**	**2.6**	**8.2**	**8.8**	**8.3**	**0.1**
Goods-Producing Sector	**105.5**	**109.8**	**112.8**	**7.3**	**96.2**	**97.9**	**99.5**	**3.3**	**8.8**	**10.8**	**11.8**	**3.0**
Agriculture	8.3	7.7	7.4	(0.9)	7.9	7.3	7.1	(0.8)	-	-	-	-
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	13.6	14.4	15.2	1.6	11.8	12.4	12.3	0.5	13.2	13.9	19.1	5.9
Utilities	3.4	2.6	3.0	(0.4)	3.3	2.3	2.7	(0.6)	-	-	-	-
Construction	30.2	30.2	33.5	3.3	27.3	26.3	28.9	1.6	9.6	12.9	14.0	4.4
Manufacturing	50.0	55.0	53.8	3.8	45.9	49.6	48.6	2.7	8.0	9.8	9.7	1.7
Services-Producing Sector	**357.5**	**364.0**	**354.1**	**(3.4)**	**338.3**	**342.5**	**337.6**	**(0.7)**	**5.4**	**5.9**	**4.7**	**(0.7)**
Trade	79.8	76.9	75.1	(4.7)	76.6	72.8	73.1	(3.5)	4.0	5.3	2.7	(1.3)
Transportation and Warehousing	20.4	23.6	21.6	1.2	19.8	21.6	20.3	0.5	2.9	8.5	6.0	3.1
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	22.9	19.5	18.4	(4.5)	22.5	18.4	17.7	(4.8)	-	5.6	3.8	3.8
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	19.2	20.5	20.4	1.2	18.4	19.6	19.2	0.8	4.2	3.9	5.9	1.7
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	24.8	26.2	27.4	2.6	22.5	22.7	23.7	1.2	9.3	13.4	13.1	3.8
Educational Services	36.2	35.1	34.1	(2.1)	34.7	33.8	33.4	(1.3)	4.1	3.7	2.1	(2.0)
Health Care and Social Assistance	53.4	58.6	55.8	2.4	52.0	57.2	55.0	3.0	2.6	2.6	1.4	(1.2)
Information, Culture and Recreation	18.6	20.1	20.4	1.8	17.2	19.1	19.9	2.7	7.5	4.5	2.5	(5.0)
Accommodation and Food Services	33.8	35.9	32.4	(1.4)	29.4	33.0	29.6	0.2	13.0	8.1	8.6	(4.4)
Other Services	23.2	19.0	20.3	(2.9)	21.2	16.8	18.5	(2.7)	8.6	11.6	8.9	0.3
Public Administration	25.2	28.7	28.1	2.9	24.1	27.4	27.1	3.0	4.4	4.2	3.6	(0.8)
Unclassified Industries	10.1	9.1	9.7	(0.4)	-	-	-					

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(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Unemployment Rate - %				Employment Rate - %				Participation Rate - %			
	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change	Oct 2002	Sep 2003	Oct 2003	Annual Change
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	9.5	9.5	9.2	(0.3)	61.1	62.6	61.2	0.1	67.6	69.2	67.4	(0.2)
Halifax	**6.9**	**7.0**	**6.6**	**(0.3)**	**65.4**	**66.3**	**65.8**	**0.4**	**70.2**	**71.3**	**70.5**	**0.3**
Saint John, New Brunswick	6.1	8.8	8.1	2.0	64.6	58.3	58.2	(6.4)	68.7	64.0	63.4	(5.3)
Saguenay	9.5	9.6	10.9	1.4	53.5	56.9	55.2	1.7	59.1	62.9	61.9	2.8
Québec	6.0	5.8	6.6	0.6	63.0	64.1	62.0	(1.0)	67.1	68.0	66.4	(0.7)
Trois-Rivières	9.7	11.5	11.5	1.8	55.8	55.6	55.6	(0.2)	61.7	62.8	62.8	1.1
Sherbrooke	7.1	7.8	7.7	0.6	62.2	63.2	62.8	0.6	66.9	68.6	68.0	1.1
Montréal	7.9	10.1	9.6	1.7	62.1	61.8	61.9	(0.2)	67.4	68.7	68.5	1.1
Ottawa-Gatineau	7.4	6.9	7.0	(0.4)	65.2	67.4	66.9	1.7	70.4	72.4	71.9	1.5
Sudbury	8.1	9.3	8.7	0.6	58.3	57.1	56.9	(1.4)	63.5	63.0	62.4	(1.1)
Oshawa	6.0	5.6	4.8	(1.2)	65.7	70.0	69.5	3.8	69.9	74.2	73.0	3.1
Toronto	8.1	8.8	8.1	-	64.9	64.5	64.3	(0.6)	70.6	70.7	70.0	(0.6)
Hamilton	6.1	7.1	6.7	0.6	63.0	65.1	65.2	2.2	67.1	70.1	69.8	2.7
St. Catharines - Niagara	6.1	6.1	6.3	0.2	62.3	62.7	62.1	(0.2)	66.3	66.8	66.3	-
London	6.0	7.5	7.2	1.2	64.6	64.3	64.4	(0.2)	68.7	69.5	69.4	0.7
Windsor	6.9	7.2	6.4	(0.5)	63.5	62.9	62.7	(0.8)	68.2	67.7	67.0	(1.2)
Kitchener	5.4	6.6	6.5	1.1	65.9	66.1	66.4	0.5	69.7	70.8	71.1	1.4
Thunder Bay	5.8	5.5	5.5	(0.3)	61.4	64.4	63.6	2.2	65.1	68.2	67.3	2.2
Winnipeg	5.0	5.5	5.4	0.4	68.3	67.2	66.7	(1.6)	72.0	71.1	70.5	(1.5)
Regina	5.4	6.1	5.3	(0.1)	68.9	68.5	69.2	0.3	72.9	73.0	73.1	0.2
Saskatoon	6.1	6.1	5.9	(0.2)	67.4	67.4	66.6	(0.8)	71.8	71.7	70.7	(1.1)
Calgary	6.3	5.0	5.3	(1.0)	71.2	72.1	71.4	0.2	75.9	75.9	75.3	(0.6)
Edmonton	4.8	4.8	4.7	(0.1)	68.5	69.6	69.4	0.9	71.9	73.1	72.8	0.9
Vancouver	7.4	8.6	8.0	0.6	63.0	63.2	63.4	0.4	68.1	69.1	68.9	0.8
Victoria	6.7	6.8	6.5	(0.2)	58.7	60.0	59.7	1.0	62.9	64.4	63.9	1.0

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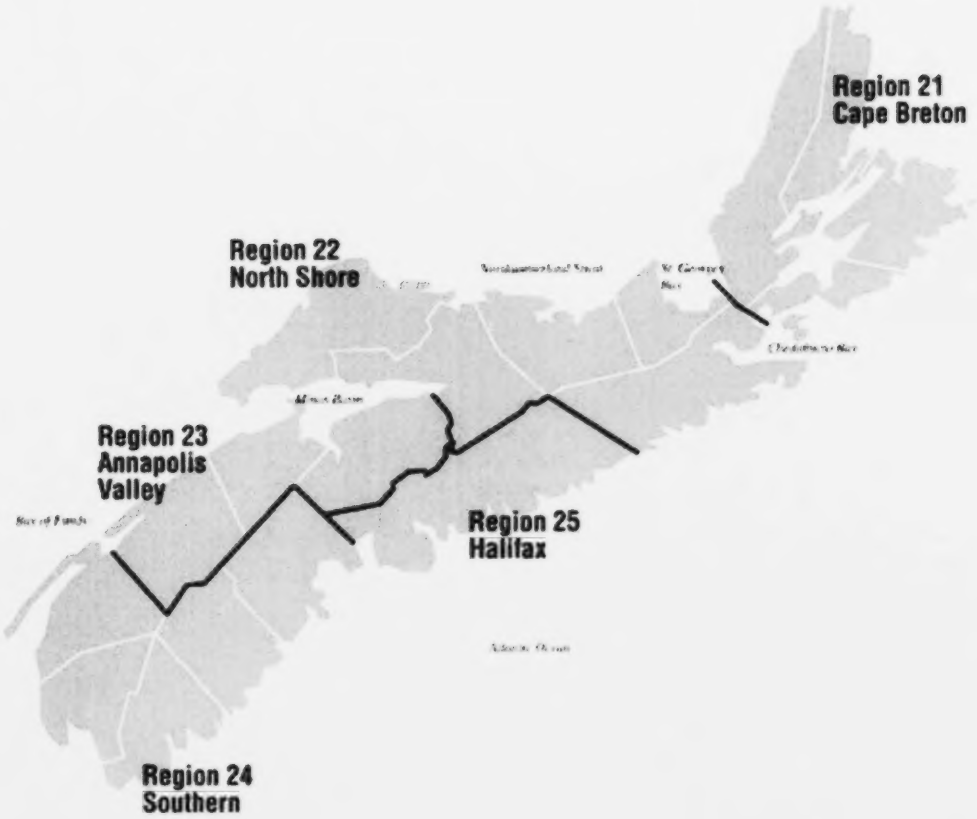

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About the Employment Situation Report

Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at: http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm

The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

Release Dates - 2003:

Data for:	**Release date:**
January 2003	February 7, 2003
February 2003	March 7, 2003
March 2003	April 4, 2003
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May 2003	June 6, 2003
June 2003	July 11, 2003
July 2003	August 8, 2003
August 2003	September 5, 2003
September 2003	October 10, 2003
October 2003	November 7, 2003
November 2003	December 5, 2003
December 2003	January 9, 2004
January 2004	February 6, 2004

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Canada

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,068.3	25,351.2	25,379.5	311.2	25,068.3	25,351.2	25,379.5	311.2
Labour Force ('000)	16,777.1	17,052.9	17,061.4	284.3	16,873.6	17,122.8	17,157.0	283.4
Employment ('000)	15,580.4	15,870.0	15,856.8	276.4	15,602.4	15,813.3	15,867.4	265.0
Unemployed ('000)	1,196.7	1,182.9	1,204.6	7.9	1,271.3	1,309.4	1,289.6	18.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	6.9	7.1	-	7.5	7.6	7.5	-
Participation Rate (%)	66.9	67.3	67.2	0.3	67.3	67.5	67.6	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	62.2	62.6	62.5	0.3	62.2	62.4	62.5	0.3

Nova Scotia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	757.5	761.4	761.7	4.2	757.5	761.4	761.7	4.2
Labour Force ('000)	474.5	476.6	481.3	6.8	476.7	477.8	484.1	7.4
Employment ('000)	432.2	437.2	434.6	2.4	431.5	432.5	435.4	3.9
Unemployed ('000)	42.3	39.5	46.7	4.4	45.1	45.3	48.7	3.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.9	8.3	9.7	0.8	9.5	9.5	10.1	0.6
Participation Rate (%)	62.6	62.6	63.2	0.6	62.9	62.8	63.6	0.7
Employment Rate (%)	57.1	57.4	57.1	-	57.0	56.8	57.2	0.2

Newfoundland and Labrador

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	438.9	439.1	439.3	0.4	438.9	439.1	439.3	0.4
Labour Force ('000)	253.6	257.1	254.0	0.4	256.7	259.1	258.7	2.0
Employment ('000)	210.2	218.5	211.9	1.7	209.1	216.4	213.6	4.5
Unemployed ('000)	43.4	38.7	42.2	(1.2)	47.6	42.7	45.1	(2.5)
Unemployment Rate (%)	17.1	15.1	16.6	(0.5)	18.5	16.5	17.4	(1.1)
Participation Rate (%)	57.8	58.6	57.8	-	58.5	59.0	58.9	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	47.9	49.8	48.2	0.3	47.6	49.3	48.6	1.0

Prince Edward Island

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	112.4	113.5	113.7	1.3	112.4	113.5	113.7	1.3
Labour Force ('000)	74.2	77.0	76.1	1.9	76.4	77.2	78.1	1.7
Employment ('000)	65.1	70.4	67.0	1.9	67.7	69.0	69.4	1.7
Unemployed ('000)	9.2	6.6	9.1	(0.1)	8.7	8.2	8.7	-
Unemployment Rate (%)	12.4	8.6	12.0	(0.4)	11.4	10.6	11.1	(0.3)
Participation Rate (%)	66.0	67.8	66.9	0.9	68.0	68.0	68.7	0.7
Employment Rate (%)	57.9	62.0	58.9	1.0	60.2	60.8	61.0	0.8

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New Brunswick

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	608.5	610.4	610.5	2.0	608.5	610.4	610.5	2.0
Labour Force ('000)	385.8	384.2	384.6	(1.2)	389.8	385.3	388.2	(1.6)
Employment ('000)	348.8	350.9	348.4	(0.4)	349.7	343.7	348.4	(1.3)
Unemployed ('000)	37.0	33.2	36.2	(0.8)	40.1	41.5	39.7	(0.4)
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.6	8.6	9.4	(0.2)	10.3	10.8	10.2	(0.1)
Participation Rate (%)	63.4	62.9	63.0	(0.4)	64.1	63.1	63.6	(0.5)
Employment Rate (%)	57.3	57.5	57.1	(0.2)	57.5	56.3	57.1	(0.4)

Quebec

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	6,051.7	6,101.2	6,106.8	55.1	6,051.7	6,101.2	6,106.8	55.1
Labour Force ('000)	3,935.1	4,008.0	4,047.5	112.4	3,970.8	4,029.3	4,079.0	108.2
Employment ('000)	3,606.0	3,671.9	3,693.6	87.6	3,627.9	3,654.1	3,708.3	80.4
Unemployed ('000)	329.1	336.2	353.9	24.8	342.9	375.2	370.6	27.7
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.4	8.4	8.7	0.3	8.6	9.3	9.1	0.5
Participation Rate (%)	65.0	65.7	66.3	1.3	65.6	66.0	66.8	1.2
Employment Rate (%)	59.6	60.2	60.5	0.9	59.9	59.9	60.7	0.8

Ontario

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	9,694.8	9,833.6	9,846.5	151.7	9,694.8	9,833.6	9,846.5	151.7
Labour Force ('000)	6,581.0	6,698.2	6,679.9	98.9	6,601.4	6,726.8	6,705.9	104.5
Employment ('000)	6,175.3	6,268.4	6,268.8	93.5	6,156.2	6,257.0	6,250.4	94.2
Unemployed ('000)	405.7	429.8	411.1	5.4	445.2	469.9	455.5	10.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.2	6.4	6.2	-	6.7	7.0	6.8	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	67.9	68.1	67.8	(0.1)	68.1	68.4	68.1	-
Employment Rate (%)	63.7	63.7	63.7	-	63.5	63.6	63.5	-

Manitoba

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	864.8	870.4	871.1	6.3	864.8	870.4	871.1	6.3
Labour Force ('000)	598.3	601.1	596.6	(1.7)	602.2	601.4	599.5	(2.7)
Employment ('000)	567.9	571.6	565.5	(2.4)	570.2	569.2	567.4	(2.8)
Unemployed ('000)	30.4	29.5	31.1	0.7	31.9	32.1	32.1	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.1	4.9	5.2	0.1	5.3	5.3	5.4	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.2	69.1	68.5	(0.7)	69.6	69.1	68.8	(0.8)
Employment Rate (%)	65.7	65.7	64.9	(0.8)	65.9	65.4	65.1	(0.8)

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Saskatchewan

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	757.9	755.8	756.1	(1.8)	757.9	755.8	756.1	(1.8)
Labour Force ('000)	516.6	511.2	510.3	(6.3)	522.5	513.4	514.9	(7.6)
Employment ('000)	489.0	486.6	483.9	(5.1)	491.9	484.4	485.6	(6.3)
Unemployed ('000)	27.6	24.6	26.4	(1.2)	30.7	29.0	29.3	(1.4)
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	4.8	5.2	(0.1)	5.9	5.6	5.7	(0.2)
Participation Rate (%)	68.2	67.6	67.5	(0.7)	68.9	67.9	68.1	(0.8)
Employment Rate (%)	64.5	64.4	64.0	(0.5)	64.9	64.1	64.2	(0.7)

Alberta

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	2,441.0	2,487.1	2,490.8	49.8	2,441.0	2,487.1	2,490.8	49.8
Labour Force ('000)	1,786.6	1,821.3	1,825.8	39.2	1,794.0	1,830.9	1,831.9	37.9
Employment ('000)	1,698.0	1,736.8	1,741.4	43.4	1,700.9	1,738.9	1,740.9	40.0
Unemployed ('000)	88.6	84.5	84.4	(4.2)	93.1	92.0	91.0	(2.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	4.6	4.6	(0.4)	5.2	5.0	5.0	(0.2)
Participation Rate (%)	73.2	73.2	73.3	0.1	73.5	73.6	73.5	-
Employment Rate (%)	69.6	69.8	69.9	0.3	69.7	69.9	69.9	0.2

British Columbia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	3,340.8	3,378.7	3,383.0	42.2	3,340.8	3,378.7	3,383.0	42.2
Labour Force ('000)	2,171.5	2,218.1	2,205.2	33.7	2,183.1	2,221.6	2,216.8	33.7
Employment ('000)	1,987.9	2,057.7	2,041.7	53.8	1,997.2	2,048.1	2,047.9	50.7
Unemployed ('000)	183.6	160.4	163.6	(20.0)	185.9	173.4	168.9	(17.0)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.5	7.2	7.4	(1.1)	8.5	7.8	7.6	(0.9)
Participation Rate (%)	65.0	65.6	65.2	0.2	65.3	65.8	65.5	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	59.5	60.9	60.4	0.9	59.8	60.6	60.5	0.7

Population is for those 15 years of age and over.
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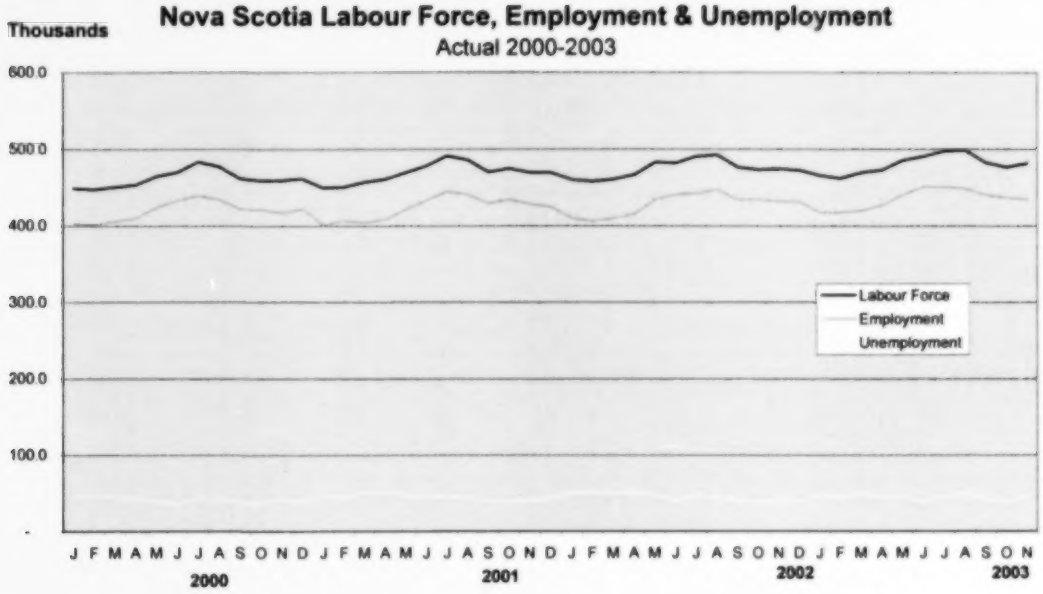
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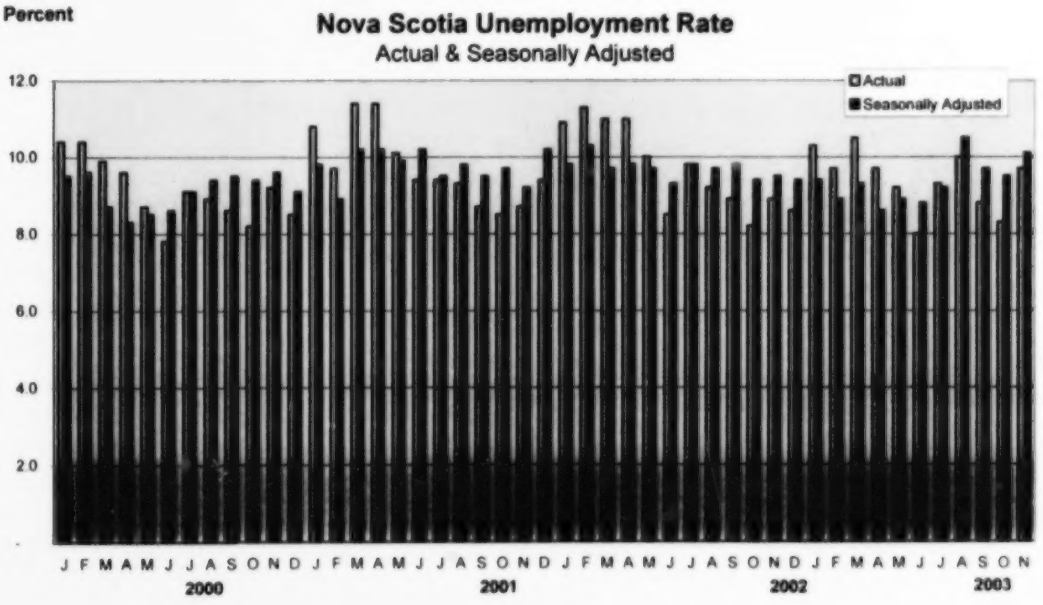
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Economic Regions/CMA

(unadjusted - three month moving average)

Canada

	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,046.7	25,319.4	25,350.6	303.9
Labour Force ('000)	16,781.3	17,210.6	17,069.0	287.7
Employment ('000)	15,602.4	15,917.1	15,853.1	250.7
Unemployed ('000)	1,178.9	1,293.4	1,215.9	37.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.0	7.5	7.1	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	67.0	68.0	67.3	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	62.3	62.9	62.5	0.2

Nova Scotia

	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	757.3	761.0	761.4	4.1
Labour Force ('000)	474.6	486.1	480.2	5.6
Employment ('000)	433.6	442.2	437.4	3.8
Unemployed ('000)	41.0	43.9	42.9	1.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.6	9.0	8.9	0.3
Participation Rate (%)	62.7	63.9	63.1	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	57.3	58.1	57.4	0.1

230 - Annapolis Valley

	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	101.6	102.2	102.2	0.6
Labour Force ('000)	64.6	63.9	63.8	(0.8)
Employment ('000)	61.0	59.2	59.3	(1.7)
Unemployed ('000)	3.6	4.7	4.5	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	7.4	7.1	1.5
Participation Rate (%)	63.6	62.5	62.4	(1.2)
Employment Rate (%)	60.0	57.9	58.0	(2.0)

210 - Cape Breton

	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	120.5	119.6	119.5	(1.0)
Labour Force ('000)	63.9	63.5	60.6	(3.3)
Employment ('000)	55.5	52.8	49.9	(5.6)
Unemployed ('000)	8.4	10.7	10.6	2.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.1	16.9	17.5	4.4
Participation Rate (%)	53.0	53.1	50.7	(2.3)
Employment Rate (%)	46.1	44.1	41.8	(4.3)

250 - Halifax County

	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	297.6	301.4	301.8	4.2
Labour Force ('000)	204.0	210.6	209.1	5.1
Employment ('000)	189.2	196.4	196.8	7.6
Unemployed ('000)	14.8	14.3	12.3	(2.5)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.3	6.8	5.9	(1.4)
Participation Rate (%)	68.5	69.9	69.3	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	63.6	65.2	65.2	1.6

Halifax Metro (CMA)

	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	285.6	289.3	289.7	4.1
Labour Force ('000)	198.0	203.9	201.9	3.9
Employment ('000)	183.9	190.4	190.3	6.4
Unemployed ('000)	14.1	13.5	11.6	(2.5)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	6.6	5.7	(1.4)
Participation Rate (%)	69.3	70.5	69.7	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	64.4	65.8	65.7	1.3

220 - North Shore

	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	133.3	133.4	133.4	0.1
Labour Force ('000)	78.7	82.9	82.0	3.3
Employment ('000)	71.4	74.8	73.9	2.5
Unemployed ('000)	7.3	8.1	8.1	0.8
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.3	9.8	9.9	0.6
Participation Rate (%)	59.0	62.1	61.5	2.5
Employment Rate (%)	53.6	56.1	55.4	1.8

240 - Southern

	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	104.3	104.5	104.5	0.2
Labour Force ('000)	63.6	65.2	64.8	1.2
Employment ('000)	56.5	59.0	57.5	1.0
Unemployed ('000)	7.0	6.1	7.4	0.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.0	9.4	11.4	0.4
Participation Rate (%)	61.0	62.4	62.0	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	54.2	56.5	55.0	0.8

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Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change
Canada	15,602.4	15,813.3	15,867.4	265.0	12,634.4	12,835.7	12,871.8	237.4	2,968.0	2,977.6	2,995.6	27.6
Newfoundland and Labrador	209.1	216.4	213.6	4.5	178.1	185.2	183.3	5.2	31.0	31.2	30.3	(0.7)
Prince Edward Island	67.7	69.0	69.4	1.7	56.4	57.0	56.6	0.2	11.3	11.9	12.9	1.6
Nova Scotia	431.5	432.5	435.4	3.9	347.6	352.6	349.5	1.9	83.9	79.8	85.9	2.0
New Brunswick	349.7	343.7	346.4	(1.3)	292.6	290.8	294.6	2.0	57.1	52.9	53.8	(3.3)
Quebec	3,627.9	3,654.1	3,708.3	80.4	2,958.9	2,960.5	3,005.1	46.2	669.0	693.6	703.2	34.2
Ontario	6,156.2	6,257.0	6,250.4	94.2	5,029.9	5,139.9	5,123.1	93.2	1,126.3	1,117.0	1,127.3	1.0
Manitoba	570.2	569.2	567.4	(2.8)	459.4	457.7	457.7	(1.7)	110.8	111.6	109.7	(1.1)
Saskatchewan	491.9	484.4	485.6	(6.3)	391.4	386.1	387.8	(3.6)	100.5	98.3	97.8	(2.7)
Alberta	1,700.9	1,738.9	1,740.9	40.0	1,390.2	1,419.5	1,419.7	29.5	310.7	319.3	321.2	10.5
British Columbia	1,997.2	2,048.1	2,047.9	50.7	1,529.6	1,586.3	1,594.4	64.8	467.7	461.8	453.4	(14.3)

Employment - Actual (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change
Canada	15,580.4	15,870.0	15,856.8	276.4	12,514.1	12,816.1	12,750.6	236.5	3,066.3	3,053.9	3,106.2	39.9
Newfoundland and Labrador	210.2	218.5	211.9	1.7	179.3	186.3	182.1	2.8	30.9	32.2	29.7	(1.2)
Prince Edward Island	65.1	70.4	67.0	1.9	53.9	58.2	54.0	0.1	11.2	12.2	13.0	1.8
Nova Scotia	432.2	437.2	434.6	2.4	345.2	353.8	344.4	(0.8)	87.0	83.4	90.2	3.2
New Brunswick	348.8	350.9	348.4	(0.4)	288.9	296.6	291.4	2.5	60.0	54.4	57.0	(3.0)
Quebec	3,606.0	3,671.9	3,693.6	87.6	2,912.6	2,944.8	2,959.8	47.2	693.4	727.1	733.8	40.4
Ontario	6,175.3	6,268.4	6,268.8	93.5	5,002.2	5,124.5	5,094.9	92.7	1,173.1	1,143.9	1,173.9	0.8
Manitoba	567.9	571.6	565.5	(2.4)	451.6	459.0	450.3	(1.3)	116.3	112.6	115.2	(1.1)
Saskatchewan	489.0	486.6	483.9	(5.1)	385.6	388.1	382.2	(3.4)	103.4	98.5	101.7	(1.7)
Alberta	1,698.0	1,736.8	1,741.4	43.4	1,380.3	1,415.1	1,411.6	31.3	317.7	321.7	329.8	12.1
British Columbia	1,987.9	2,057.7	2,041.7	53.8	1,514.4	1,589.7	1,579.7	65.3	473.5	468.0	462.0	(11.5)

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Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change
Canada	2,778.0	2,786.1	2,788.4	10.4	2,401.1	2,395.9	2,418.2	17.1	13.6	14.0	13.3	(0.3)
Newfoundland and Labrador	41.1	38.4	38.5	(2.6)	32.0	29.0	28.3	(3.7)	22.1	24.2	26.2	4.1
Prince Edward Island	14.3	13.9	14.2	(0.1)	12.2	12.0	11.9	(0.3)	14.7	13.7	16.2	1.5
Nova Scotia	80.2	79.2	84.9	4.7	65.5	65.1	70.6	5.1	18.5	17.8	17.0	(1.5)
New Brunswick	64.2	63.1	65.8	1.6	54.7	51.8	54.8	0.1	15.0	17.9	16.7	1.7
Quebec	639.1	634.4	650.4	11.3	552.8	538.6	557.5	4.7	13.5	15.1	14.3	0.8
Ontario	1,058.4	1,071.0	1,050.4	(8.0)	913.8	910.9	902.7	(11.1)	13.7	14.9	14.1	0.4
Manitoba	110.1	110.8	108.0	(2.1)	98.7	98.0	95.8	(2.9)	10.3	11.6	11.3	1.0
Saskatchewan	98.1	90.0	91.3	(6.8)	86.7	80.6	80.1	(6.6)	11.6	10.4	12.2	0.6
Alberta	325.4	332.9	335.4	10.0	291.5	305.4	311.5	20.0	10.4	8.3	7.1	(3.3)
British Columbia	347.1	352.5	349.4	2.3	293.2	304.4	304.8	11.6	15.6	13.6	12.8	(2.8)

15-24 Age Group - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change
Canada	2,677.4	2,680.4	2,687.7	10.3	2,323.0	2,325.1	2,344.5	21.5	13.2	13.3	12.8	(0.4)
Newfoundland and Labrador	38.2	35.3	34.6	(3.6)	30.5	26.9	25.9	(4.6)	20.2	23.8	24.9	4.7
Prince Edward Island	12.7	13.2	12.8	0.1	10.7	11.4	10.5	(0.2)	15.7	12.9	17.2	1.5
Nova Scotia	76.8	76.1	81.6	4.8	63.2	63.2	67.8	4.6	17.7	17.0	17.0	(0.7)
New Brunswick	60.3	59.7	62.4	2.1	51.4	50.4	52.1	0.7	14.8	15.6	16.3	1.5
Quebec	614.1	607.8	626.6	12.5	531.4	523.3	538.8	7.4	13.5	13.9	14.0	0.5
Ontario	1,019.9	1,026.1	1,009.3	(10.6)	891.2	881.7	878.8	(12.4)	12.6	14.2	12.9	0.3
Manitoba	108.3	108.4	106.1	(2.2)	97.1	96.4	93.8	(3.3)	10.3	11.0	11.7	1.4
Saskatchewan	94.1	86.4	87.9	(6.2)	84.3	78.3	78.0	(6.3)	10.4	9.4	11.4	1.0
Alberta	318.1	323.3	327.5	9.4	283.4	296.7	304.4	21.0	10.9	8.3	7.1	(3.8)
British Columbia	334.9	342.1	338.9	4.0	279.7	296.8	294.4	14.7	16.5	13.2	13.1	(3.4)

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Employment by Sector

Canada - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change
All industries	**16,777.1**	**17,062.9**	**17,061.4**	**284.3**	**15,580.4**	**15,870.0**	**15,856.8**	**276.4**	**7.1**	**6.9**	**7.1**	**-**
Goods-Producing Sector	**4,288.2**	**4,294.0**	**4,264.7**	**(23.5)**	**4,012.0**	**4,047.7**	**3,999.0**	**(13.0)**	**6.4**	**5.7**	**6.2**	**(0.2)**
Agriculture	357.7	357.1	355.6	(12.1)	344.4	342.1	331.6	(12.8)	6.3	4.2	6.7	0.4
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	298.6	331.3	320.2	21.6	266.8	304.3	287.7	20.9	10.7	8.1	10.1	(0.6)
Utilities	132.5	136.9	136.6	4.1	131.6	133.4	133.8	2.2	-	2.5	2.0	2.0
Construction	1,000.6	1,053.3	1,048.3	47.7	913.4	985.0	962.0	48.6	8.7	6.5	8.2	(0.5)
Manufacturing	2,488.8	2,415.4	2,404.0	(84.8)	2,355.8	2,282.8	2,283.7	(72.1)	5.3	5.5	5.0	(0.3)
Services-Producing Sector	**12,118.4**	**12,362.9**	**12,413.2**	**294.8**	**11,568.4**	**11,822.3**	**11,857.8**	**289.4**	**4.5**	**4.4**	**4.5**	**-**
Trade	2,557.5	2,587.5	2,626.6	69.1	2,447.4	2,476.3	2,515.4	68.0	4.3	4.7	4.2	(0.1)
Transportation and Warehousing	801.9	814.3	804.7	2.8	772.0	786.1	771.1	(0.9)	3.7	3.5	4.2	0.5
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	926.2	972.1	963.8	37.6	897.2	950.9	944.8	47.6	3.1	2.2	2.0	(1.1)
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,050.1	1,031.5	1,043.4	(6.7)	1,004.3	991.9	997.5	(6.8)	4.4	3.8	4.4	-
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	657.0	677.7	678.5	21.5	596.4	618.6	609.9	11.5	8.9	8.7	10.1	1.2
Educational Services	1,091.6	1,095.6	1,111.4	19.8	1,068.3	1,071.4	1,086.9	18.6	2.1	2.2	2.2	0.1
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,685.5	1,747.1	1,748.5	63.0	1,651.6	1,708.3	1,710.1	58.5	2.0	2.2	2.2	0.2
Information, Culture and Recreation	735.8	763.3	757.1	21.3	669.3	710.2	702.1	32.8	9.0	7.0	7.3	(1.7)
Accommodation and Food Services	1,077.6	1,106.1	1,095.1	17.5	992.4	1,012.7	999.5	7.1	7.9	8.4	8.7	0.8
Other Services	734.2	716.1	733.5	(0.7)	694.1	681.2	694.8	0.7	5.5	4.9	5.3	(0.2)
Public Administration	801.0	841.6	850.5	49.5	773.5	814.6	825.6	52.1	3.4	3.2	2.9	(0.5)
Unclassified Industries	370.5	396.9	383.5	13.0	-	-	-					

Nova Scotia - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change
All industries	**474.5**	**476.6**	**481.3**	**6.8**	**432.2**	**437.2**	**434.6**	**2.4**	**8.9**	**8.3**	**9.7**	**0.8**
Goods-Producing Sector	**107.8**	**112.8**	**111.0**	**3.2**	**94.4**	**99.5**	**93.9**	**(0.5)**	**12.3**	**11.8**	**15.4**	**3.1**
Agriculture	7.9	7.4	6.9	(1.0)	7.4	7.1	6.3	(1.1)	6.3	-	8.7	2.4
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	16.8	15.2	15.7	(1.1)	11.8	12.3	11.3	(0.5)	29.8	19.1	28.0	(1.8)
Utilities	3.4	3.0	2.5	(0.9)	3.4	2.7	2.3	(1.1)	-	-	-	-
Construction	28.7	33.5	34.7	6.0	25.2	28.9	28.2	3.0	12.5	14.0	18.7	6.2
Manufacturing	50.9	53.8	51.2	0.3	46.6	48.6	45.8	(0.8)	8.3	9.7	10.5	2.2
Services-Producing Sector	**367.9**	**354.1**	**368.3**	**2.4**	**337.8**	**337.6**	**340.7**	**2.9**	**8.8**	**4.7**	**8.4**	**(0.2)**
Trade	79.7	75.1	78.0	(1.7)	76.4	73.1	73.9	(2.5)	4.1	2.7	5.3	1.2
Transportation and Warehousing	20.5	21.8	21.9	1.4	19.5	20.3	20.8	1.3	4.9	6.0	5.0	0.1
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	21.9	18.4	19.9	(2.0)	21.4	17.7	19.4	(2.0)	2.3	3.8	2.5	0.2
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	21.3	20.4	20.8	(0.5)	20.5	19.2	19.5	(1.0)	3.8	5.9	6.3	2.5
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	25.0	27.4	27.5	2.5	22.3	23.7	23.7	1.4	10.8	13.1	13.8	3.0
Educational Services	36.9	34.1	36.9	-	35.8	33.4	36.1	0.3	3.3	2.1	2.2	(1.1)
Health Care and Social Assistance	52.7	55.8	54.5	1.8	51.8	55.0	53.7	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.7	0.2
Information, Culture and Recreation	17.7	20.4	19.7	2.0	15.8	19.9	18.3	2.5	10.7	2.5	7.1	(3.6)
Accommodation and Food Services	33.7	32.4	31.8	(1.9)	28.5	29.6	28.5	-	15.4	8.6	10.4	(5.0)
Other Services	22.8	20.3	18.8	(4.0)	20.8	18.5	17.7	(3.1)	8.8	8.9	5.9	(2.9)
Public Administration	25.7	28.1	30.3	4.6	24.8	27.1	29.0	4.2	3.1	3.6	4.3	1.2
Unclassified Industries	8.8	9.7	10.0	1.2	-	-	-					

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Employment Situation - November 2003

CMA Data

(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Unemployment Rate - %				Employment Rate - %				Participation Rate - %			
	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change	Nov 2002	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Annual Change
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	9.3	9.2	9.6	0.3	61.4	61.2	60.3	(1.1)	67.7	67.4	66.7	(1.0)
Halifax	**7.1**	**6.6**	**5.7**	**(1.4)**	**64.4**	**65.8**	**65.7**	**1.3**	**69.3**	**70.5**	**69.7**	**0.4**
Saint John, New Brunswick	5.7	8.1	8.0	2.3	64.1	58.2	58.3	(5.8)	67.9	63.4	63.4	(4.5)
Saguenay	9.3	10.9	11.0	1.7	53.8	55.2	53.8	-	59.4	61.9	60.4	1.0
Québec	5.2	6.6	6.3	1.1	62.7	62.0	61.0	(1.7)	66.2	66.4	65.1	(1.1)
Trois-Rivières	9.0	11.5	10.8	1.8	55.5	55.6	55.4	(0.1)	60.9	62.8	62.2	1.3
Sherbrooke	7.5	7.7	7.3	(0.2)	60.9	62.8	61.7	0.8	65.8	68.0	66.6	0.8
Montréal	7.8	9.8	8.7	0.9	62.1	61.9	62.5	0.4	67.3	68.5	68.5	1.2
Ottawa-Gatineau	7.3	7.0	6.9	(0.4)	64.8	66.9	66.3	1.5	69.9	71.9	71.3	1.4
Sudbury	6.7	8.7	8.7	2.0	58.1	56.9	56.3	(1.8)	62.2	62.4	61.6	(0.6)
Oshawa	5.7	4.8	4.6	(1.1)	66.3	69.5	68.8	2.5	70.3	73.0	72.1	1.8
Toronto	7.2	8.1	7.3	0.1	64.9	64.3	64.2	(0.7)	70.0	70.0	69.2	(0.8)
Hamilton	5.4	6.7	5.9	0.5	63.6	65.2	65.0	1.4	67.2	69.8	69.1	1.9
St. Catharines - Niagara	6.4	6.3	6.5	0.1	61.0	62.1	60.5	(0.5)	65.1	66.3	64.7	(0.4)
London	5.3	7.2	6.3	1.0	64.2	64.4	64.6	0.4	67.8	69.4	68.9	1.1
Windsor	6.6	8.4	6.5	(0.1)	63.5	62.7	61.8	(1.7)	67.9	67.0	66.1	(1.8)
Kitchener	5.2	6.5	5.3	0.1	65.6	66.4	66.9	1.3	69.3	71.1	70.7	1.4
Thunder Bay	5.5	5.5	5.4	(0.1)	61.4	63.6	62.6	1.2	65.0	67.3	66.2	1.2
Winnipeg	4.8	5.4	5.3	0.5	68.3	66.7	66.2	(2.1)	71.8	70.5	69.9	(1.9)
Regina	4.9	5.3	4.6	(0.3)	69.0	69.2	69.8	0.8	72.5	73.1	73.2	0.7
Saskatoon	5.9	5.8	5.8	(0.1)	67.0	66.6	65.4	(1.6)	71.1	70.7	69.5	(1.6)
Calgary	6.2	5.3	5.2	(1.0)	70.7	71.4	70.7	-	75.3	75.3	74.6	(0.7)
Edmonton	4.7	4.7	4.3	(0.4)	67.7	69.4	69.2	1.5	71.0	72.8	72.4	1.4
Vancouver	7.7	8.0	7.2	(0.5)	62.8	63.4	63.2	0.4	68.0	68.9	68.1	0.1
Victoria	6.5	6.5	5.5	(1.0)	57.9	59.7	59.9	2.0	61.9	63.9	63.5	1.6

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About the Employment Situation Report

Employment Situation Report is produced monthly by the Statistics Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Finance. It is based on the Labour Force Survey (LFS) which is a household survey carried out monthly by Statistics Canada. This publication contains summary tables of selected labour force characteristics including labour force, employment, unemployment, unemployment rate, and participation rate for Canada, the provinces, and CMAs. The publication emphasizes the Nova Scotia employment situation and includes tables for Nova Scotia, its economic regions, and the Metropolitan Halifax area. The report is available on the internet at: http://www.gov.ns.ca/finance/publish/pub19.htm

The LFS survey is a sample of individuals who are representative of the civilian, non-institutionalised population 15 years of age or older in Canada's ten provinces. Specifically excluded from the survey's coverage are residents of the territories, persons living on Indian Reserves, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces and institutional residents. These groups represent an exclusion of approximately 2% of the population aged 15 or over. Since July 1995 the sample size has been approximately 54,000 households across Canada. As of April 2002 Nova Scotia's sample size was 3,557.

Since its inception in 1945, the objectives of the LFS have been to divide the working-age population into three mutually exclusive classifications--employed, unemployed and not in the labour force--and to provide descriptive and explanatory data on each of these categories. Data from the survey provide information on major labour market trends such as shifts in employment across industrial sectors, hours worked, labour force participation and unemployment rates.

Release Dates - 2003:

Data for:	**Release date:**
January 2003	February 7, 2003
February 2003	March 7, 2003
March 2003	April 4, 2003
April 2003	May 9, 2003
May 2003	June 6, 2003
June 2003	July 11, 2003
July 2003	August 8, 2003
August 2003	September 5, 2003
September 2003	October 10, 2003
October 2003	November 7, 2003
November 2003	December 5, 2003
December 2003	January 9, 2004
January 2004	February 6, 2004

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Canada

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,087.4	25,379.5	25,403.9	316.5	25,087.4	25,379.5	25,403.9	316.5
Labour Force ('000)	16,744.1	17,061.4	17,021.5	277.4	16,925.3	17,157.0	17,187.3	262.0
Employment ('000)	15,548.8	15,856.8	15,834.0	285.2	15,649.7	15,867.4	15,920.5	270.8
Unemployed ('000)	1,195.2	1,204.6	1,187.5	(7.7)	1,275.6	1,289.6	1,266.8	(8.8)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	7.1	7.0	(0.1)	7.5	7.5	7.4	(0.1)
Participation Rate (%)	66.7	67.2	67.0	0.3	67.5	67.6	67.7	0.2
Employment Rate (%)	62.0	62.5	62.3	0.3	62.4	62.5	62.7	0.3

Nova Scotia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	757.7	761.7	762.0	4.3	757.7	761.7	762.0	4.3
Labour Force ('000)	472.4	481.3	477.9	5.5	476.9	484.1	482.8	5.9
Employment ('000)	431.6	434.6	438.6	7.0	432.3	435.4	439.5	7.2
Unemployed ('000)	40.8	46.7	39.3	(1.5)	44.6	48.7	43.3	(1.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.6	9.7	8.2	(0.4)	9.4	10.1	9.0	(0.4)
Participation Rate (%)	62.3	63.2	62.7	0.4	62.9	63.6	63.4	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	57.0	57.1	57.6	0.6	57.1	57.2	57.7	0.6

Newfoundland and Labrador

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	439.1	439.3	439.4	0.3	439.1	439.3	439.4	0.3
Labour Force ('000)	253.6	254.0	254.4	0.8	262.1	258.7	262.8	0.7
Employment ('000)	208.1	211.9	208.9	0.8	213.5	213.6	215.6	2.1
Unemployed ('000)	45.5	42.2	45.4	(0.1)	48.6	45.1	47.2	(1.4)
Unemployment Rate (%)	17.9	16.6	17.8	(0.1)	18.5	17.4	18.0	(0.5)
Participation Rate (%)	57.8	57.8	57.9	0.1	59.7	58.9	59.8	0.1
Employment Rate (%)	47.4	48.2	47.5	0.1	48.6	48.6	49.1	0.5

Prince Edward Island

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	112.5	113.7	113.7	1.2	112.5	113.7	113.7	1.2
Labour Force ('000)	73.7	76.1	75.5	1.8	76.2	78.1	78.1	1.9
Employment ('000)	64.0	67.0	66.4	2.4	67.9	69.4	70.2	2.3
Unemployed ('000)	9.7	9.1	9.0	(0.7)	8.3	8.7	7.9	(0.4)
Unemployment Rate (%)	13.2	12.0	11.9	(1.3)	10.9	11.1	10.1	(0.8)
Participation Rate (%)	65.5	66.9	66.4	0.9	67.7	68.7	68.7	1.0
Employment Rate (%)	56.9	58.9	58.4	1.5	60.4	61.0	61.7	1.3

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New Brunswick

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	608.5	610.5	610.6	2.1	608.5	610.5	610.6	2.1
Labour Force ('000)	380.7	384.6	374.8	(5.9)	390.2	388.2	384.2	(6.0)
Employment ('000)	341.9	348.4	338.7	(3.2)	350.0	348.4	346.1	(3.9)
Unemployed ('000)	38.8	36.2	36.1	(2.7)	40.2	39.7	38.1	(2.1)
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.2	9.4	9.6	(0.6)	10.3	10.2	9.9	(0.4)
Participation Rate (%)	62.6	63.0	61.4	(1.2)	64.1	63.6	62.9	(1.2)
Employment Rate (%)	56.2	57.1	55.5	(0.7)	57.5	57.1	56.7	(0.8)

Quebec

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	6,055.1	6,106.8	6,112.1	57.0	6,055.1	6,106.8	6,112.1	57.0
Labour Force ('000)	3,942.0	4,047.5	4,011.8	69.8	3,991.7	4,079.0	4,061.3	69.6
Employment ('000)	3,618.7	3,693.6	3,642.4	23.7	3,654.1	3,708.3	3,681.4	27.3
Unemployed ('000)	323.3	353.9	369.4	46.1	337.6	370.6	379.9	42.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.2	8.7	9.2	1.0	8.5	9.1	9.4	0.9
Participation Rate (%)	65.1	66.3	65.6	0.5	65.9	66.8	66.4	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	59.8	60.5	59.6	(0.2)	60.3	60.7	60.2	(0.1)

Ontario

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	9,703.7	9,846.5	9,857.3	153.6	9,703.7	9,846.5	9,857.3	153.6
Labour Force ('000)	6,579.0	6,679.9	6,683.9	104.9	6,633.1	6,705.9	6,736.3	103.2
Employment ('000)	6,153.7	6,268.8	6,278.2	124.5	6,166.0	6,250.4	6,285.8	119.8
Unemployed ('000)	425.3	411.1	405.7	(19.6)	467.1	455.5	450.5	(16.6)
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.5	6.2	6.1	(0.4)	7.0	6.8	6.7	(0.3)
Participation Rate (%)	67.8	67.8	67.8	-	68.4	68.1	68.3	(0.1)
Employment Rate (%)	63.4	63.7	63.7	0.3	63.5	63.5	63.8	0.3

Manitoba

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	865.0	871.1	871.9	6.9	865.0	871.1	871.9	6.9
Labour Force ('000)	596.6	596.6	597.5	0.9	601.5	599.5	600.8	(0.7)
Employment ('000)	569.0	565.5	568.6	(0.4)	572.1	567.4	570.5	(1.6)
Unemployed ('000)	27.6	31.1	28.9	1.3	29.3	32.1	30.3	1.0
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	5.2	4.8	0.2	4.9	5.4	5.0	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	69.0	68.5	68.5	(0.5)	69.5	68.8	68.9	(0.6)
Employment Rate (%)	65.8	64.9	65.2	(0.6)	66.1	65.1	65.4	(0.7)

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Saskatchewan

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	757.6	756.1	756.2	(1.4)	757.6	756.1	756.2	(1.4)
Labour Force ('000)	511.3	510.3	509.5	(1.8)	520.9	514.9	517.8	(3.1)
Employment ('000)	484.2	483.9	482.5	(1.7)	491.7	485.6	488.5	(3.2)
Unemployed ('000)	27.1	26.4	27.0	(0.1)	29.2	29.3	29.3	0.1
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.3	5.2	5.3	-	5.6	5.7	5.7	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	67.5	67.5	67.4	(0.1)	68.8	68.1	68.5	(0.3)
Employment Rate (%)	63.9	64.0	63.8	(0.1)	64.9	64.2	64.6	(0.3)

Alberta

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	2,445.1	2,490.8	2,493.7	48.6	2,445.1	2,490.8	2,493.7	48.6
Labour Force ('000)	1,782.7	1,825.8	1,830.4	47.7	1,795.8	1,831.9	1,840.8	45.0
Employment ('000)	1,700.6	1,741.4	1,747.6	47.0	1,707.5	1,740.9	1,751.5	44.0
Unemployed ('000)	82.1	84.4	82.8	0.7	88.4	91.0	89.3	0.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	4.6	4.5	(0.1)	4.9	5.0	4.9	-
Participation Rate (%)	72.9	73.3	73.4	0.5	73.4	73.5	73.8	0.4
Employment Rate (%)	69.6	69.9	70.1	0.5	69.8	69.9	70.2	0.4

British Columbia

	Actual				Seasonally Adjusted			
	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	3,343.1	3,383.0	3,386.9	43.8	3,343.1	3,383.0	3,386.9	43.8
Labour Force ('000)	2,151.9	2,205.2	2,205.8	53.9	2,176.9	2,216.8	2,222.5	45.6
Employment ('000)	1,977.0	2,041.7	2,062.0	85.0	1,994.6	2,047.9	2,071.5	76.9
Unemployed ('000)	174.9	163.6	143.8	(31.1)	182.3	168.9	151.0	(31.3)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.1	7.4	6.5	(1.6)	8.4	7.6	6.8	(1.6)
Participation Rate (%)	64.4	65.2	65.1	0.7	65.1	65.5	65.6	0.5
Employment Rate (%)	59.1	60.4	60.9	1.8	59.7	60.5	61.2	1.5

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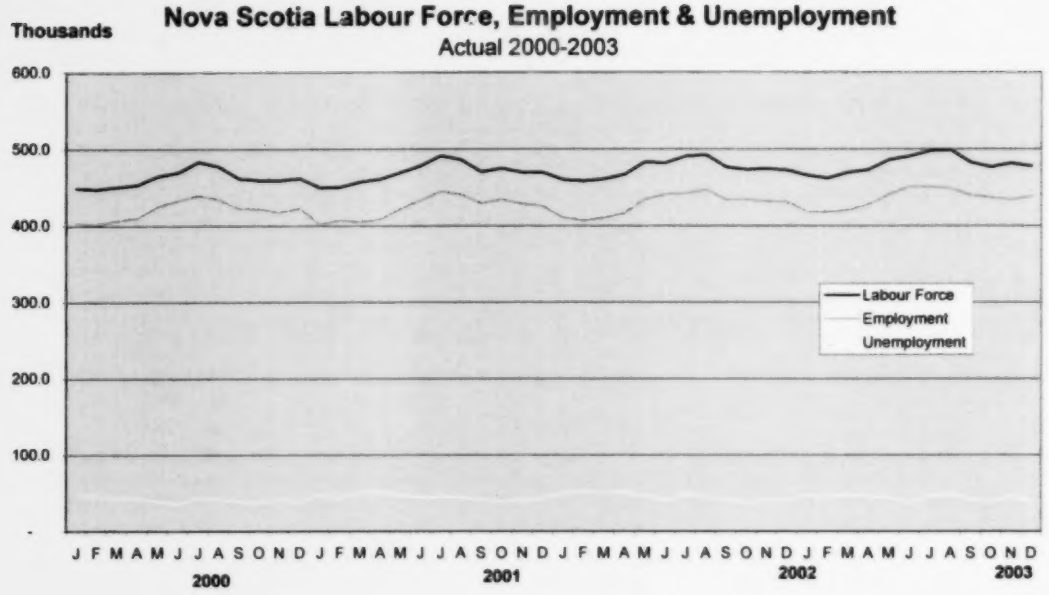
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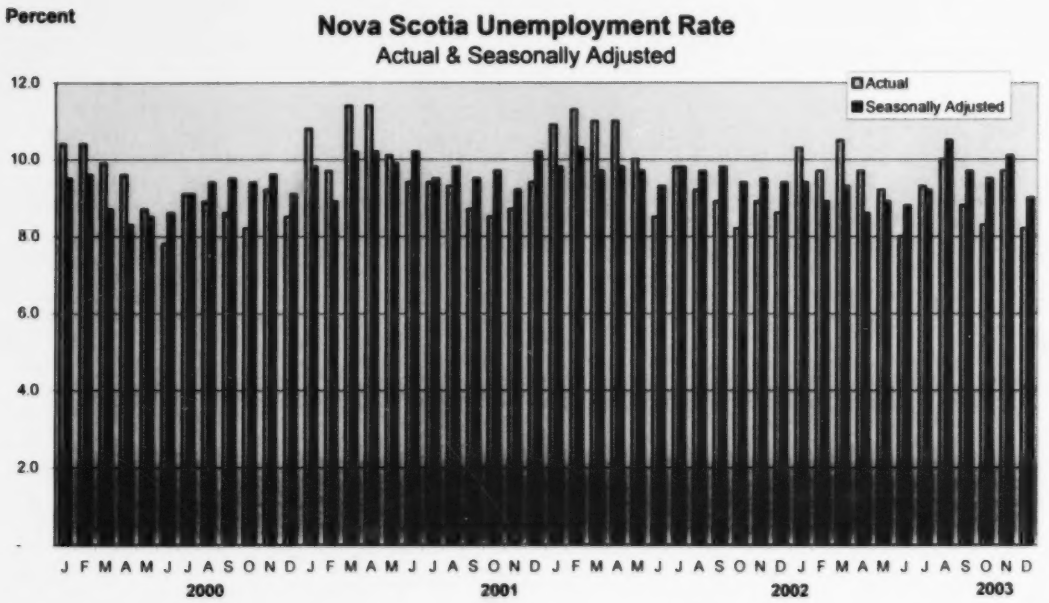
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Economic Regions/CMA
(unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Canada				Nova Scotia			
	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	25,067.9	25,350.6	25,378.2	310.3	757.5	761.4	761.7	4.2
Labour Force ('000)	16,765.9	17,069.0	17,045.2	279.3	473.4	480.2	478.6	5.2
Employment ('000)	15,580.8	15,853.1	15,853.6	272.8	432.8	437.4	436.8	4.0
Unemployed ('000)	1,185.1	1,215.9	1,191.7	6.6	40.6	42.9	41.8	1.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.1	7.1	7.0	(0.1)	8.6	8.9	8.7	0.1
Participation Rate (%)	66.9	67.3	67.2	0.3	62.5	63.1	62.8	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	62.2	62.5	62.5	0.3	57.1	57.4	57.3	0.2

	230 - Annapolis Valley				210 - Cape Breton			
	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	101.7	102.2	102.2	0.5	120.4	119.5	119.4	(1.0)
Labour Force ('000)	65.1	63.8	63.8	(1.3)	62.6	60.6	60.8	(1.8)
Employment ('000)	61.4	59.3	59.3	(2.1)	54.4	49.9	49.6	(4.8)
Unemployed ('000)	3.7	4.5	4.6	0.9	8.2	10.6	11.1	2.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.7	7.1	7.2	1.5	13.1	17.5	18.3	5.2
Participation Rate (%)	64.0	62.4	62.4	(1.6)	52.0	50.7	50.9	(1.1)
Employment Rate (%)	60.4	58.0	58.0	(2.4)	45.2	41.8	41.5	(3.7)

	250 - Halifax County				Halifax Metro (CMA)			
	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	297.9	301.8	302.1	4.2	285.8	289.7	290.0	4.2
Labour Force ('000)	202.1	209.1	208.8	6.7	196.4	201.9	201.6	5.2
Employment ('000)	187.6	196.8	197.4	9.8	182.5	190.3	190.8	8.3
Unemployed ('000)	14.5	12.3	11.5	(3.0)	13.9	11.6	10.9	(3.0)
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.2	5.9	5.5	(1.7)	7.1	5.7	5.4	(1.7)
Participation Rate (%)	67.8	69.3	69.1	1.3	68.7	69.7	69.5	0.8
Employment Rate (%)	63.0	65.2	65.3	2.3	63.9	65.7	65.8	1.9

	220 - North Shore				240 - Southern			
	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change
Population ('000)	133.3	133.4	133.4	0.1	104.3	104.5	104.5	0.2
Labour Force ('000)	79.5	82.0	80.4	0.9	64.2	64.8	64.7	0.5
Employment ('000)	72.4	73.9	72.8	0.4	57.0	57.5	57.7	0.7
Unemployed ('000)	7.0	8.1	7.6	0.6	7.2	7.4	7.0	(0.2)
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.8	9.9	9.5	0.7	11.2	11.4	10.8	(0.4)
Participation Rate (%)	59.6	61.5	60.3	0.7	61.6	62.0	61.9	0.3
Employment Rate (%)	54.3	55.4	54.6	0.3	54.7	55.0	55.2	0.5

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Job Tenure

Employment - Seasonally Adjusted (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change
Canada	15,649.7	15,867.4	15,920.5	270.8	12,673.4	12,871.8	12,917.3	243.9	2,976.3	2,995.6	3,003.2	26.9
Newfoundland and Labrador	213.5	213.6	215.6	2.1	180.9	183.3	185.2	4.3	32.6	30.3	30.4	(2.2)
Prince Edward Island	67.9	69.4	70.2	2.3	56.5	56.6	58.1	1.6	11.4	12.9	12.1	0.7
Nova Scotia	432.3	435.4	439.5	7.2	347.4	349.5	351.7	4.3	84.9	85.9	87.7	2.8
New Brunswick	350.0	348.4	346.1	(3.9)	295.8	294.6	293.3	(2.5)	54.2	53.8	52.7	(1.5)
Quebec	3,654.1	3,708.3	3,681.4	27.3	2,985.2	3,005.1	2,973.6	(11.6)	668.9	703.2	707.8	38.9
Ontario	6,166.0	6,250.4	6,285.8	119.8	5,039.8	5,123.1	5,146.1	106.3	1,126.2	1,127.3	1,139.7	13.5
Manitoba	572.1	567.4	570.5	(1.6)	462.3	457.7	461.3	(1.0)	109.9	109.7	109.2	(0.7)
Saskatchewan	491.7	485.6	488.5	(3.2)	390.1	387.8	392.4	2.3	101.6	97.8	96.1	(5.5)
Alberta	1,707.5	1,740.9	1,751.5	44.0	1,400.0	1,419.7	1,433.7	33.7	307.4	321.2	317.8	10.4
British Columbia	1,994.6	2,047.9	2,071.5	76.9	1,514.7	1,594.4	1,621.5	106.8	479.9	453.4	450.0	(29.9)

Employment - Actual (000's)

	Total				Full-Time				Part-time			
	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change
Canada	15,548.8	15,856.8	15,834.0	285.2	12,439.4	12,750.6	12,689.4	250.0	3,109.4	3,106.2	3,144.5	35.1
Newfoundland and Labrador	208.1	211.9	208.9	0.8	175.6	182.1	178.8	3.2	32.5	29.7	30.1	(2.4)
Prince Edward Island	64.0	67.0	66.4	2.4	52.1	54.0	53.6	1.5	11.9	13.0	12.9	1.0
Nova Scotia	431.6	434.6	438.6	7.0	343.4	344.4	345.8	2.4	88.2	90.2	92.8	4.6
New Brunswick	341.9	348.4	338.7	(3.2)	285.4	291.4	284.2	(1.2)	56.5	57.0	54.5	(2.0)
Quebec	3,618.7	3,693.6	3,642.4	23.7	2,914.1	2,959.8	2,894.9	(19.2)	704.6	733.8	747.5	42.9
Ontario	6,153.7	6,268.8	6,278.2	124.5	4,969.5	5,094.9	5,082.1	112.6	1,184.2	1,173.9	1,196.1	11.9
Manitoba	569.0	565.5	568.6	(0.4)	451.3	450.3	451.7	0.4	117.7	115.2	116.8	(0.9)
Saskatchewan	484.2	483.9	482.5	(1.7)	378.9	382.2	383.1	4.2	105.2	101.7	99.4	(5.8)
Alberta	1,700.6	1,741.4	1,747.6	47.0	1,383.4	1,411.6	1,421.4	38.0	317.1	329.8	326.2	9.1
British Columbia	1,977.0	2,041.7	2,062.0	85.0	1,485.6	1,579.7	1,593.8	108.2	491.4	462.0	468.2	(23.2)

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Employment by Sector

Canada - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change
All industries	**16,744.1**	**17,061.4**	**17,021.5**	**277.4**	**15,548.8**	**15,856.8**	**15,834.0**	**285.2**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**7.0**	**(0.1)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**4,233.2**	**4,264.7**	**4,228.3**	**(4.9)**	**3,910.3**	**3,999.0**	**3,924.0**	**13.7**	**7.6**	**6.2**	**7.2**	**(0.4)**
Agriculture	354.8	355.6	348.4	(6.4)	328.6	331.6	324.4	(4.2)	7.4	6.7	6.9	(0.5)
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	291.1	320.2	320.4	29.3	263.9	287.7	286.3	22.4	9.3	10.1	10.6	1.3
Utilities	132.1	136.6	135.1	3.0	131.1	133.8	130.7	(0.4)	-	2.0	3.3	3.3
Construction	1,005.0	1,048.3	1,041.8	36.8	887.6	962.0	939.2	51.6	11.7	8.2	9.8	(1.9)
Manufacturing	2,450.1	2,404.0	2,382.6	(67.5)	2,299.1	2,283.7	2,243.4	(55.7)	6.2	5.0	5.8	(0.4)
Services-Producing Sector	**12,188.4**	**12,413.2**	**12,441.2**	**282.8**	**11,638.5**	**11,857.8**	**11,910.0**	**271.5**	**4.3**	**4.5**	**4.3**	**-**
Trade	2,610.0	2,626.6	2,642.1	32.1	2,495.8	2,515.4	2,530.7	34.9	4.4	4.2	4.2	(0.2)
Transportation and Warehousing	788.7	804.7	803.9	15.2	757.6	771.1	775.9	18.3	3.9	4.2	3.5	(0.4)
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	926.1	963.8	975.7	49.6	902.6	944.8	952.8	50.2	2.5	2.0	2.3	(0.2)
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,050.4	1,043.4	1,013.9	(36.5)	1,013.1	997.5	974.3	(38.8)	3.6	4.4	3.9	0.3
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	648.1	678.5	689.9	41.8	593.3	609.9	623.5	30.2	8.5	10.1	9.6	1.1
Educational Services	1,104.6	1,111.4	1,125.9	21.3	1,085.3	1,086.9	1,097.8	12.5	1.7	2.2	2.5	0.8
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,682.5	1,748.5	1,768.6	86.1	1,651.7	1,710.1	1,735.7	84.0	1.8	2.2	1.9	0.1
Information, Culture and Recreation	743.2	757.1	742.8	(0.4)	673.0	702.1	694.5	21.5	9.4	7.3	6.5	(2.9)
Accommodation and Food Services	1,078.8	1,095.1	1,099.6	20.8	1,000.8	999.5	1,014.6	13.8	7.2	8.7	7.7	0.5
Other Services	735.2	733.5	736.7	1.5	697.9	694.8	698.9	1.0	5.1	5.3	5.1	-
Public Administration	790.8	850.5	841.9	51.1	767.4	825.6	811.2	43.8	3.0	2.9	3.6	0.6
Unclassified Industries	352.5	383.5	351.9	(0.6)	-	-	-					

Nova Scotia - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change
All industries	**472.4**	**481.3**	**477.9**	**5.5**	**431.6**	**434.6**	**438.6**	**7.0**	**8.6**	**9.7**	**8.2**	**(0.4)**
Goods-Producing Sector	**109.0**	**111.0**	**110.6**	**1.6**	**93.5**	**93.9**	**98.5**	**5.0**	**14.2**	**15.4**	**10.9**	**(3.3)**
Agriculture	7.4	6.9	7.1	(0.3)	5.7	6.3	6.1	0.4	23.0	8.7	14.1	(8.9)
Forestry, Fishing, Mining, Oil and Gas	18.6	15.7	17.9	(0.7)	15.8	11.3	15.3	(0.5)	15.1	28.0	14.5	(0.6)
Utilities	3.2	2.5	2.9	(0.3)	2.9	2.3	2.7	(0.2)	-	-	-	-
Construction	29.6	34.7	32.2	2.6	24.4	28.2	28.3	3.9	17.2	18.7	12.1	(5.1)
Manufacturing	50.2	51.2	50.5	0.3	44.7	45.8	46.1	1.4	11.0	10.5	8.7	(2.3)
Services-Producing Sector	**354.8**	**360.3**	**358.9**	**4.1**	**338.1**	**340.7**	**340.1**	**2.0**	**4.7**	**5.4**	**5.2**	**0.5**
Trade	79.6	78.0	79.7	0.1	77.5	73.9	77.2	(0.3)	2.5	5.3	3.1	0.6
Transportation and Warehousing	20.5	21.9	21.2	0.7	19.3	20.8	19.9	0.6	5.9	5.0	6.1	0.2
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate and Leasing	23.1	19.9	20.8	(2.3)	22.4	19.4	20.0	(2.4)	3.0	2.5	3.8	0.8
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	21.8	20.8	19.6	(2.2)	20.8	19.5	18.6	(2.2)	4.6	6.3	5.1	0.5
Management, Administrative & Other Support Services	22.6	27.5	26.0	3.4	20.8	23.7	23.2	2.4	8.0	13.8	11.2	3.2
Educational Services	37.3	36.9	36.5	(0.8)	35.7	36.1	35.2	(0.5)	4.3	2.2	3.6	(0.7)
Health Care and Social Assistance	53.3	54.5	56.4	3.1	52.1	53.7	55.2	3.1	2.4	1.7	2.1	(0.3)
Information, Culture and Recreation	17.2	19.7	19.2	2.0	16.1	18.3	17.7	1.6	6.4	7.1	7.8	1.4
Accommodation and Food Services	31.5	31.8	28.5	(3.0)	27.8	28.5	25.5	(2.3)	12.1	10.4	10.5	(1.6)
Other Services	23.2	18.8	20.3	(2.9)	22.1	17.7	18.6	(3.5)	4.7	5.9	8.4	3.7
Public Administration	24.7	30.3	30.6	5.9	23.5	29.0	29.0	5.5	4.9	4.3	5.2	0.3
Unclassified Industries	8.7	10.0	8.4	(0.3)	-	-	-					

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Youth Statistics

15-24 Age Group - Seasonally Adjusted

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change
Canada	2,772.8	2,788.4	2,812.2	39.4	2,404.5	2,418.2	2,418.8	14.3	13.3	13.3	14.0	0.7
Newfoundland and Labrador	42.1	38.5	39.7	(2.4)	31.5	28.3	28.2	(3.3)	25.2	26.2	29.0	3.8
Prince Edward Island	14.3	14.2	13.4	(0.9)	12.4	11.9	11.7	(0.7)	13.3	16.2	13.4	0.1
Nova Scotia	80.5	84.9	83.0	2.5	66.7	70.6	70.7	4.0	17.1	17.0	14.8	(2.3)
New Brunswick	65.0	65.8	64.2	(0.8)	55.4	54.8	53.7	(1.7)	14.6	16.7	16.4	1.8
Quebec	638.6	650.4	650.7	12.1	556.0	557.5	545.4	(10.6)	12.9	14.3	16.2	3.3
Ontario	1,058.4	1,050.4	1,078.6	20.2	909.7	902.7	919.5	9.8	14.1	14.1	14.8	0.7
Manitoba	108.8	108.0	107.0	(1.8)	98.7	95.8	97.7	(1.0)	9.3	11.3	8.7	(0.6)
Saskatchewan	95.9	91.3	93.3	(2.6)	86.7	80.1	81.7	(5.0)	9.6	12.2	12.4	2.8
Alberta	320.6	335.4	327.0	6.4	291.1	311.5	300.3	9.2	9.2	7.1	8.2	(1.0)
British Columbia	348.6	349.4	355.2	6.6	296.2	304.8	309.8	13.6	15.0	12.8	12.8	(2.2)

15-24 Age Group - Actual

	Labour Force - 000's				Employment - 000's				Unemployment - %			
	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change
Canada	2,645.8	2,687.7	2,682.6	36.8	2,332.8	2,344.5	2,345.1	12.3	11.8	12.8	12.6	0.8
Newfoundland and Labrador	37.9	34.6	35.2	(2.7)	29.5	25.9	26.1	(3.4)	22.2	24.9	25.9	3.7
Prince Edward Island	12.9	12.8	12.1	(0.8)	10.9	10.5	10.3	(0.6)	15.5	17.2	14.9	(0.6)
Nova Scotia	76.4	81.6	78.7	2.3	64.4	67.8	67.9	3.5	15.7	17.0	13.6	(2.1)
New Brunswick	59.5	62.4	59.1	(0.4)	51.1	52.1	49.8	(1.3)	14.1	16.3	15.7	1.6
Quebec	607.6	626.6	615.2	7.6	537.8	538.8	522.7	(15.1)	11.5	14.0	15.0	3.5
Ontario	1,009.7	1,009.3	1,027.8	18.1	888.3	878.8	898.4	10.1	12.0	12.9	12.6	0.6
Manitoba	106.4	106.1	104.5	(1.9)	96.7	93.8	95.8	(0.9)	9.1	11.7	8.3	(0.8)
Saskatchewan	90.5	87.9	87.9	(2.6)	83.2	78.0	78.5	(4.7)	8.1	11.4	10.7	2.6
Alberta	312.0	327.5	317.5	5.5	284.2	304.4	291.5	7.3	8.9	7.1	8.2	(0.7)
British Columbia	332.9	338.9	344.7	11.8	286.7	294.4	304.1	17.4	13.9	13.1	11.8	(2.1)

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CMA Data

(Unadjusted - three month moving average)

	Unemployment Rate - %				Employment Rate - %				Participation Rate - %			
	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change	Dec 2002	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Annual Change
St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador	9.3	9.6	9.6	0.3	62.1	60.3	60.0	(2.1)	68.5	66.7	66.3	(2.2)
Halifax	**7.1**	**5.7**	**5.4**	**(1.7)**	**63.9**	**65.7**	**65.8**	**1.9**	**68.7**	**69.7**	**69.5**	**0.8**
Saint John, New Brunswick	6.3	8.0	7.6	1.3	63.0	58.3	58.7	(4.3)	67.2	63.4	63.6	(3.6)
Saguenay	10.1	11.0	11.5	1.4	54.1	53.8	54.2	0.1	60.1	60.4	61.3	1.2
Québec	5.4	6.3	6.8	1.4	62.2	61.0	60.2	(2.0)	65.8	65.1	64.5	(1.3)
Trois-Rivières	9.0	10.8	10.3	1.3	55.2	55.4	55.5	0.3	60.8	62.2	61.9	1.1
Sherbrooke	7.3	7.3	7.2	(0.1)	60.4	61.7	61.2	0.8	65.2	66.6	65.9	0.7
Montréal	7.7	8.7	8.6	0.9	62.4	62.5	62.7	0.3	67.6	68.5	68.5	0.9
Ottawa-Gatineau	7.1	6.9	6.9	(0.2)	65.3	66.3	66.0	0.7	70.3	71.3	70.8	0.5
Sudbury	7.1	8.7	8.9	1.8	57.5	56.3	57.0	(0.5)	61.9	61.6	62.7	0.8
Oshawa	5.4	4.6	4.3	(1.1)	66.9	68.8	69.1	2.2	70.7	72.1	72.2	1.5
Toronto	6.7	7.3	6.7	-	65.2	64.2	64.4	(0.8)	69.9	69.2	69.0	(0.9)
Hamilton	5.5	5.9	4.9	(0.6)	63.8	65.0	65.2	1.4	67.5	69.1	68.5	1.0
St. Catharines - Niagara	7.3	6.5	6.5	(0.8)	59.3	60.5	59.7	0.4	64.0	64.7	63.8	(0.2)
London	5.3	6.3	6.0	0.7	63.2	64.6	64.5	1.3	66.7	68.9	68.6	1.9
Windsor	7.1	6.5	7.2	0.1	63.4	61.8	61.4	(2.0)	68.2	66.1	66.1	(2.1)
Kitchener	4.9	5.3	4.7	(0.2)	66.4	66.9	66.8	0.4	69.9	70.7	70.2	0.3
Thunder Bay	5.2	5.4	6.2	1.0	62.5	62.6	62.1	(0.4)	66.0	66.2	66.1	0.1
Winnipeg	4.9	5.3	5.1	0.2	68.3	66.2	66.3	(2.0)	71.8	69.9	69.8	(2.0)
Regina	4.6	4.6	4.7	0.1	68.7	69.8	70.1	1.4	72.0	73.2	73.6	1.6
Saskatoon	5.6	5.8	5.5	(0.1)	66.4	65.4	65.2	(1.2)	70.4	69.5	68.9	(1.5)
Calgary	5.4	5.2	5.4	-	70.8	70.7	70.9	0.1	74.9	74.6	75.0	0.1
Edmonton	4.7	4.3	4.4	(0.3)	68.0	69.2	69.0	1.0	71.3	72.4	72.1	0.8
Vancouver	7.7	7.2	6.1	(1.6)	62.3	63.2	63.2	0.9	67.5	68.1	67.3	(0.2)
Victoria	6.4	5.5	4.7	(1.7)	57.7	59.9	60.8	3.1	61.7	63.5	63.8	2.1